



# School Board Notes

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

**Members Present:** Mrs. Romasco, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Miller, Mr. VanZalinge, Mr. Mowad, Mr. Inman, Mrs. Klessner, Mr. D'Itri, Mrs. Ceratti, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Marino and Mrs. Hanes

**Members Absent:** Ms. Gill and Mr. Hunter

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. D'Amico, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mr. Huwar, Dr. Guzie, Mrs. Leiper, Mr. Gnarra, R. Dixon, A. Jakubowski, K. McCabe, M. Smith, J. Wallace, A. Helsing, C. Taylor, H. Oliver, C. Lambertus and L. Trehar

**ACTION TAKEN:**

1. The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Avria Anderson, Shared Aide at New Horizon School, effective March 6, 2026.
2. The Board employed the following people:
  - Ms. Kyle Gelvin, East Katy, TX, as a full-time Special Education Teacher at New Horizon School, effective at the start of the 2026-2027 school year.
  - Ms. Holly Tripp, Beaver Falls, PA, as a Shared Aide at New Horizon School, effective date to be determined.
3. Two FMLA requests were approved by the Board.
4. Ms. Erica McMullen has completed three (3) years of satisfactory service with the BVIU and was granted a Professional Employee Contract.
5. The Board approved closing the Career and Assessment Program at New Horizon School and opening a Transition Program Manager position at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. This position will serve all school age students in all BVIU programs.
6. The Board approved opening a new classroom for the Early Intervention Program. Location to be determined. A Special Education Teacher, Speech Therapist and Registered Behavior Technician will be needed to staff this classroom.
7. The Board approved the following new positions for the Early Intervention Program:
  - Family Resource Specialist
  - Itinerant Speech Therapist
8. The Board approved three shared classroom aides to assist with transition services for all students in BVIU programming. One position will be at New Horizon School, one at New Horizon North and one position will be a floating position.
9. The following fund-raising activities were approved by the Board:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
PE Walk-A-thon	Erin Weldon	May 11-15, 2026
Craft Show	New Horizon School	October 24, 2026

10. Due to low enrollment, the Board closed the Emotional Support Classroom located at Rochester Area School District, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
11. The Board adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clerical Association to implement a 4-day work-week during the summer. The summer schedule will begin on June 22, 2026 and end on August 14, 2026.

12. It was determined that the 46,200 square feet of carpet at New Horizon School cannot be cleaned and reused. The Board approved a change order with BLT Contracting, Inc. for the removal and disposal of the carpet at a cost of \$3.50 per square foot for a total increase in the contract cost of \$161,700, for a total cost not to exceed \$573,100.
13. A lease agreement with the Beaver County Special School Authority designating the BVIU as the operating agent for New Horizon School, commencing March 25, 2026 for a term of forty (40) years, ending June 30, 2066 was approved by the Board.
14. The Board adopted the following new and revised policies:
  - 102 – Academic Standards
  - 105 – Curriculum
  - 122 – Equal Access (**new**)
  - 209.2 – Diabetes Management
  - 218.1 - Weapons
  - 610 – Purchased Subject to Bid/Quotation
  - 611 – Purchase Budgeted
  - 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance Attachment Procurement Federal Programs
  - 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
  - 805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
  - 805.2 – School Security Personnel (**new**)

#### **ADDENDUM ITEMS**

15. The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Samantha Emery, Teacher Aide at New Horizon School, effective April 7, 2026.
16. The Board employed Mr. Michael Smith as the Supervisor of Special Classes at New Horizon North, effective March 26, 2026.
17. The Board approved an FMLA request for an employee.
18. The Board renewed an agreement with Vector Solutions.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE – NONE**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Dr. Rosendale informed the Board that he has been working with the engineer to secure dates to have the parking lot paved at the Central Office. He thanked the Board for adopting the BVIU's general operating budget. To date, eleven districts have approved our budget. Dr. Rosendale announced that the Out-Patient Services – Hopeful Minds Wellness Center will open on April 1, 2026.

Dr. Rosendale talked about the YAP event at CCBC. He said that the students were very engaged and had a great guest speaker. He stated that the Beaver County Special School Authority meeting went very well. He discussed the timeline for selling the bonds.

Dr. Rosendale updated the Board on the AptaFund and SCView software that we purchased.

There was much discussion on the flooring at New Horizon School.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Steff stated that he has been working daily on the New Horizon project.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Mrs. Marino asked Dr. Rosendale if there will be a surcharge for out-of-county students attending New Horizon School and if spots can be saved for students in Beaver County that may need to attend New Horizon School.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Mrs. Dixon thanked the Board for making tough decisions.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eric G. Rosendale*

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale  
Executive Director

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