

# AGENDA

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**Meeting #588 – Wednesday, May 27, 2026**  
**Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, Board Room 211, 6:30 PM**  
**Presiding Officer: Mr. Ronald Miller**

## 1. Roll Call

### Board Members

School District	Representative	Present	Absent
Aliquippa	Ms. Gill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ambridge Area	Mrs. Romasco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beaver Area	Mrs. Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Big Beaver Falls Area	Mr. Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blackhawk	Mr. VanZalinge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Valley	Mr. Mowad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freedom Area	Mr. Inman	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hopewell Area	Mrs. Klessner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midland	Mr. D'Itri	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Brighton Area	Mrs. Ceratti	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Riverside Beaver County	Mr. Hunter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rochester Area	Mr. Blackwell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Side Area	Mrs. Marino	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Western Beaver County	Mrs. Hanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Staff Members**

Staff Member	Present	Absent
Dr. Rosendale	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attorney Steff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Niedbala	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. D’Amico	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Ference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Guzie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Huwar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Leiper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. McKinley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Rodgers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Sanderbeck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

A. Intermediate Unit

**Background Information:** The packet containing the proposed agenda and related materials was mailed to each Board member.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board adopt the agenda and related materials as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Board President**

“Are there any public comments on agenda items only?”

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**Background Information:** The minutes from the April 29, 2026 meeting were mailed to each Board Member.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above request be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. Treasurer's Report (1-40)**

A. Intermediate Unit

**Background Information:** The Treasurer’s Reports of the various accounts for April, 2026, as well as the listing of bills for the month of May, 2026 are presented for approval.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above request be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium:

**Background Information:** Provided for your review and approved for the Insurance Consortium:

Financial Report for month ending April, 2026  
Minutes from the May 18, 2026 meeting

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Financial Report and minutes of the Beaver County School Health Care Consortium be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**7. Personnel, Extended School Year (ESY)**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** The following additional staff are needed to support the ESY Program at New Horizon School:

**ESY Staffing**

Name	Position
Renee Wrzesniewski	Nurse
Teresa Scarsella	Paraprofessional

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as submitted."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**8. Personnel, FMLA Requests**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** The following personnel have requested and been found eligible for leave through the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA):

FMLA Leave Requests

Employee	FMLA Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #342	May 18, 2026	Beginning May 4, 2026; not to exceed 12 weeks
ID #529	May 18, 2026	Beginning June 3, 2026; not to exceed 12 weeks

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the FMLA requests be approved as presented."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**9. Personnel, Conference Attendance**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Staff members from the Behavior Services Department have requested to attend the following conference:

**Conference**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Kayla Weingartner	Bridging Knowledge to Know-How: Empowering Pennsylvania Educators and Partners	Approximately \$1,075
Allison Jezak	Bridging Knowledge to Know-How: Empowering Pennsylvania Educators and Partners	Approximately \$1,075

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as submitted."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**10. Clinical Placements and Internships**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** The following College/University have requested placements for speech clinical placements and a school psychologist internship:

**Placements**

<b>University</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Cooperating Staff</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Geneva College	Kaelyn Hartman	Melissa Hardesty	8/24/26-12/11/26
Geneva College	Jessica Torres	Tisha McKittrick	1/11/27-5/6/27
Youngstown State	Emma Roush	Allison Jezak	2026-2027 school year

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above placements be approved as recommended."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**11. Substitute List**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Below are candidates for substitutes for maintenance for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year and the 2026-2027 school year:

**Candidates**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Anthony Cienkowski	Beaver, PA
Isaac Niedbala	Beaver, PA

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above substitutes be approved as presented."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**12. District Based Classroom**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Due to low enrollment of the Emotional Support Classroom and the Autistic Support Classroom at the Ambridge Area School District, it is recommended that the classrooms be closed.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the district-based classrooms be closed as presented."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**13. Special Education Instructional Budget, 2026-2027**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** The proposed 2026-2027 Budget for Special Education Programs and Services in the amount of \$15,926,566 is submitted for Board review and approval for submission to the PA Department of Education. The Budget is summarized as follows:

**Budget**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
100 Personnel Services - Salaries Total	\$ 6,800,342.00
200 Personal Services - Employee Benefits Total	\$ 6,105,468.00
300 Purchased Professional and Technical Services Total	\$ 1,842,622.00
400 Purchased Property Services Total	\$ 534,312.00
500 Other Purchased Services Total	\$ 108,132.00
600 Supplies Total	\$ 522,240.00
700 Property Total	\$ 7,200.00
800 Other Objects Total	\$ 6,250.00
Grand Total	\$ 15,926,566.00

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the 2026-2027 Special Education Budget be approved as presented."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**14. New Classroom**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to open an Autistic Support Classroom serving students in grades K-12 at New Horizon School.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as submitted."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to open the following classrooms at New Horizon North.

- Elementary Emotional Support Classroom
- Secondary Emotional Support Classroom
- Elementary Multiple Disabilities Support Classroom

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as presented."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**15. New Positions**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to advertise for a PAES Teacher at New Horizon School.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as submitted."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to advertise for an Occupational Therapist at New Horizon School.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as presented."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to advertise for a Health and Physical Education Teacher at New Horizon North.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as presented."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to advertise for a Registered Behavior Technician at New Horizon North.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request be approved as presented."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**16. Maintenance Staff**

A. Special Pupil Services

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to employ an additional person for the Maintenance Staff to serve at several different locations.

**Staff Recommendation:** "that the above request to employ an additional person to the Maintenance Staff be approved as recommended."

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**17. Business Office – Accounting Specialist**

A. Intermediate Unit

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to employ an Accounting Specialist in the Business Office. This position would require an accounting degree and experience preferred. Salary for this position would be \$60,000 - \$70,000 annually.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the above request be approved as submitted.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**18. Contract Service Agreements**

A. Intermediate Unit – Questeq Contract Renewal

**Background Information:** Authorization is requested to renew the agreement with Questeq for a Level 1 Infrastructure Engineer for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$81,317. This is an increase of \$3,240 from last year. Under this agreement, Questeq will provide an Infrastructure Engineer at 40 hours per week for 50 weeks a year for the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit, New Horizon School, New Horizon North, Hopeful Minds Wellness Center and the Early Intervention Program. The cost for this service will be split between multiple BVIU department budgets.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the contract renewal for Questeq be approved as presented.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Intermediate Unit – Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA)

**Background Information:** The BVIU has contracted with PSBA for their Policy Maintenance Program since 2013, through Diligent a BoardDocs Platform. Effective July 1,2026, PSBA will be partnering with BoardBook. Authorization is requested to enter into agreement with PSBA for BoardBook along with the Keystone Agenda. Total cost for this service is \$6,667.

**Staff Recommendation:** “that the Board accept the agreement with PSBA for maintaining BVIU Board Policies and for use of the Keystone Agenda platform.”

**Board Action Required:** Approval of Staff Recommendation.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**19. Addendum**

**20. Correspondence**

**21. Executive Director's Report**

**22. Solicitor's Report**

**23. Other Business**

**24. Board President**

"Are there any public comments from visitors?"

**25. Adjournment**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.