



Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit
Board Notes #586
April 29, 2026

Meeting Information

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on April 29, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Attendance

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Ceratti

Others Present: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. D'Amico, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mr. Doyle, R. Dixon, K. McCabe, B. Stankay, C. Taylor, A. Helsing, J. Dixon

Actions Taken

- Accepted the resignation of Ms. Loidy Gonzalez, Shared Aide at New Horizon School, effective April 10, 2026.
- Accepted the resignation of Ms. Alyssa Quilin, Teacher at New Horizon School, effective June 30, 2025.
- Approved employing Ms. Lauren Lyons, Monaca, PA as a full-time Mental Health Professional, effective date to be determined.
- Approved employing Ms. Mandi Rea, New Brighton, PA as a part-time mental Health Professional, effective date to be determined.
- Approved employing Ms. Victoria Shultz, New Castle, PA as a Special Education Teacher, contingent upon obtaining her Pennsylvania Level 1 Teaching Certification before the start of the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved employing Ms. Trina Gardner, New Castle, PA as a full-time Client Coordinator for Out-Patient Services, effective date to be determined.
- Approved four (4) FMLA requests.

- Updated the staffing location for positions approved at the March 25, 2026, Board of Directors' meeting for the Early Intervention Program. The positions of Special Education Teacher, Speech Therapist and Registered Behavior Technician will now be itinerant positions.
- Approved the following staff members for the Extended School Year (ESY) Program. The ESY Program for school age for New Horizon School and New Horizon North will be held July 6-23, 2026. ESY sessions for New Horizon School will be held at MIT and New Horizon North will be held at New Horizon North.

ESY Staff

Name	Position	Location
Lindsay Kasich	Teacher	New Horizon School
Nicole Becker	Teacher	New Horizon School
Harley Beckey	Teacher	New Horizon School
Alyssa Fernandez	Teacher	New Horizon School
Justin Pavetto	Teacher	New Horizon School
Maria Frasier	Teacher	New Horizon School
Rachael Gaydosh	Teacher	New Horizon School
Gemma Henry	Teacher	New Horizon School
Gina James	Teacher	New Horizon School
Allison Jezak	Behavior Specialist	New Horizon School
Chelsey Lambertus	Teacher	New Horizon School
Vittoria Mackall	Teacher	New Horizon School
Maggie Miller	Speech Therapist	New Horizon School
Hannah Oliver	Teacher	New Horizon School
Erin Palmiero	Teacher	New Horizon School
Megan Paich	Substitute Speech Therapist	New Horizon School
Morgan Prokovich	Speech Therapist	New Horizon School
Sam Sesti	Teacher	New Horizon School
Laura Trehar	Substitute Teacher	New Horizon School
Michelle Vujakyla	Teacher	New Horizon School
Jenn Wallace	Teacher	New Horizon School
Jeannine Watson	Teacher	New Horizon School
Rachel Zomp	Speech Therapist	New Horizon School
Jennie Abrams	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Rachel Ammon	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Nicole Baldwin	Substitute Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Hope Barton	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School

Dominique Barton	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Emily Daubenspeck	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Lorie DeDominicis	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Sara DeCubellis	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Britney Dunham	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Samantha Emery	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Juliann Jurich	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Nicole Karnis	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Tammy Netting	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Cindy Rebich	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Janel Borkovic	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Amanda Olash	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Nicole Talluto	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Shania Taylor	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Anthony Dambach	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Tammy Wakefield	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Zoe Zell	Paraprofessional	New Horizon School
Amy Downer	Nurse	New Horizon School
Amber Russell	Nurse	New Horizon School
Lucia Fee	Teacher	New Horizon North
Tairy Benincase	Teacher	New Horizon North
Robert Miller	Teacher	New Horizon North
Nick Pollio	Speech Therapist	New Horizon North
Kayla Radachy	Teacher	New Horizon North
Laura Emery	Nurse	New Horizon North
Christina Allen	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Sierra Weikart	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Melanie Bradley	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Nick Trott	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Jennifer Palmer	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Anne Helsing	Teacher	Early Intervention
Allison Benedict	Hearing Support	Early Intervention
Amy Hartle	Substitute Speech	All Programs
Madison Fazenbaker	RBT	Western Beaver

- Amended the GESA Agreement dated January 28, 2026. Amendment 1 involves the replacement of flooring and cabling.
- Committed \$300,000 that was previously committed to Out-Patient Services to the New Horizon School project.

- Approved procurement cards for staff members in compliance with BVIU Board Policy.
- Awarded the Joint Purchasing paper bid for multi-purpose copy paper and cardstock to WB Mason.
- Appointed Mr. Tom Mowad as the PSBA voting delegate.

Addendum

- Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Chelsie D’Amico, Human Resource Generalist, effective July 8, 2026.
- Approved the BLT Contracting, Inc. change order in the amount of \$17,424.73. This change order is for the removal of rubber floor and preparation for new flooring in the area known as the storage gym which is being converted to classroom space and room 182 which is known as the PT room.
- Approved opening an investment account through Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) for depositories of the funds received from the sale of the bonds.

Reports

Executive Director

Dr. Rosendale stated that the closing was last Tuesday. He stated that for the Extended School Year (ESY) program we will stay at the MIT building. He stated that they will charge us the same fee of \$50,000/month. If we want to stay for the month of August, they will discount the amount to \$25,000.

He shared the SitelogiQ report with the Board and stated that they are really moving along. He’s very pleased with the progress of the building. He talked about the DCED grant that we’ve applied for.

Dr. Rosendale touched briefly on PSBA’s break from Diligent, the BoardDocs software company. He stated that we are going to look into BoardBook and possibly the Keystone agenda.

Solicitor

Mr. Steff stated that he’s been busy as usual with no daily crisis.

Other Business

Mrs. Niedbala stated that they are working on the SPS budget. She talked about changes at New Horizon School and New Horizon North. She discussed the contingency plan if New Horizon isn't ready on time. Mrs. Niedbala invited all Board members to graduation on Friday, May 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM here at the BVIU.

Mrs. Klessner extended her sympathy to the Rochester families and talked about the t-shirt fund-raiser that they are having for the family.

Public Comment

Mrs. Dixon stated that April is Autism Awareness month. She stated that she appreciates what we are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric G. Rosendale

Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director