



**Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit  
Board Notes #587  
April 29, 2026**

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**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
Lisa Sutter	Speech	EI
Morgan Prokovich	Speech	New Horizon
Jessica Shope	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Amber Wilbert	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Stephanie McJunkin	Teacher	New Horizon North
Juliann Jurich	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Tammy Wakefield	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Rachel Zomp	Speech Therapist	New Horizon
Anne Helsing	Teacher	Early Intervention
Brandon Glenn	Teacher	New Horizon
Cynthia Rebich	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Jeanne Watson	Teacher	New Horizon
Britney Dunham	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Harley Beckey	Teacher	New Horizon
Mia Rizzuto	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Rachael Gaydosh	Teacher	New Horizon
Linda Ammon	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Rachel Ammon	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Lenny Leiper	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Emily Daubenspeck	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Allison Benedict	Hearing Support Teacher	New Horizon and Early Intervention
Nicole Karnis	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Gemma Henry	Teacher	New Horizon
Hope Barnes	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Carla Helbling	Teacher	New Horizon
April Stadtmiller	Teacher	New Horizon

Rachel Weisz	Substitute Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Laura Trehar	Teacher	New Horizon
Nick Pollio	Speech Therapist	New Horizon North
Karey Westwood	Teacher	New Horizon North
Jennifer Palmer	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Richard Brown	RBT	New Horizon North
Savanna Allen	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Ashley Bliss	BCBA	New Horizon North
Melanie Bradley	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Tairy Benincase	Teacher	New Horizon North
Christina Allen	Paraprofessional	New Horizon North
Jordan Kilpatrick	Teacher	New Horizon North
Kyle Gelvin	Teacher	New Horizon
Shaun Reilly	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Maria Frasier	Teacher	New Horizon
Jerrod Rebich	Teacher	New Horizon
Debra Sedlacek	Paraprofessional	New Horizon
Amber Russell	Substitute Nurse	New Horizon
Amy Bowen	Substitute Nurse`	New Horizon
Katherine Smith-Bokor	Substitute Nurse	New Horizon

- 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