



Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit
Board Notes #591
August 26, 2026

Meeting Information

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit (BVIU) Board of Directors held a regularly scheduled meeting on August 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

Attendance

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

Members Absent: Ms. Gill, Mrs. Marino and Mrs. Hanes

Others Present: Dr. Rosendale, Attorney Al Steff, Mrs. Niedbala, Mrs. Ference, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Fenton, Mr. Sanderbeck, Mr. Huwar, A. Noah, J. Dugan, J. Wallace, H. Griffith, C. Taylor and R. Dixon

Action Taken

- Accepted resignations of the following personnel:
 - Mrs. Melissa Niedbala, Director of Special Education effective September 25, 2026
 - Ms. Kimberly Buglak, Teacher Aide, effective August 5, 2026
 - Ms. Ann Mooney, Teacher Aide, effective August 5, 2026
 - Ms. Amber Wilbert, Teacher Aide, effective August 14, 2026
 - Ms. Lindsey Redinger, Behavior Health Technician, effective August 14, 2026
- Employed the following people:
 - Mr. Jerrod Rebich as Transition Manager, effective with the start of the 2026-2027 school year
 - Mrs. Antoinette Brucker, Special Education Teacher at New Horizon North, effective August 17, 2026

Mr. Kristan Cruise, Special Education Teacher at New Horizon School, effective August 17, 2026

Ms. Lisa Liptak, Special Education Teacher at New Horizon School, effective August 20, 2026

Ms. Brittney McFarland, Shared Aide at New Horizon North, effective August 17, 2026

Mr. Matthew Phillips, Shared Aide at New Horizon North, effective August 17, 2026

Mrs. Julie Strickler, Shared Aide at New Horizon North, effective August 17, 2026

Mr. Nathaniel Coene, Custodian at New Horizon School, effective date to be determined

- Changed Ms. Mandi Rea's status back to part-time as a Mental Health Professional
- Approved two (2) FMLA requests for employees
- Approved one (1) uncompensated leave for an employee
- Approved the following CPE Instructors for the Fall 2026 term:

Instructor	Address	Course	Instructor's Fee
Rick Roth	Glenshaw	• 21 ST Century Educator Essentials	\$1975.00
		• "Apps" & iPads in the K-12 Classroom	\$1975.00
		• "Any Device" Technology Tools in K-12	\$1975.00
		• Teaching K-12 Problem Solving Using Computational Thinking in All Subjects	\$1975.00
Rhonda & Michael Bielawski	Bradford Woods	• Addressing Learning Disabilities in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00
		• ADHD in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00
		• A New Look at Working with Students with Autism	\$1975.00
		• Autism in Education: Inclusive Practices	\$1975.00
		• Adopting a Growth Mindset	\$1975.00

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Colleen Anzio	Pittsburgh	• A-Z Guide on Positive Discipline-Solutions for the Classroom Behavior Problems	\$1975.00
		• Active and Engaging Strategies for the Inclusive Classroom	\$1975.00
		• Achieving Excellence-14 Things That Matter Most	\$1975.00
		• ABC's on Teaching Strategies for Pre-K-3	\$1975.00
		• A+ Ideas for Every Student's Success	\$1975.00
		• Art of Interaction	\$1975.00
Jill Brooks	Munhall	• Designing a Digital Classroom	\$1975.00
		• Developing Media Literacy Skills	\$1975.00
		• Digital Literacy Skills	\$1975.00
		• Tech Tools for 21 st Century Learners	\$1975.00
		• There's an App for That	\$1975.00
		• The Fundamentals of Project Based Learning	\$1975.00
		• Culturally Responsive Teaching	\$1975.00
		• Social and Emotional Learning	\$1975.00
		• How to View Students Through a Trauma Lens	\$1975.00
		• Innovative Teaching with AI	\$1975.00
William Yerger	Bethlehem, PA	• The First Days of School: How to be an Effective Teacher	\$1975.00
		• Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom	\$1975.00
		• Writing Alive: Strategies, Techniques and Materials	\$1975.00
		• Motivating and Inspiring Today's Students	\$1975.00

Instructor	Address	Course	Instructor's Fee
Danielle Nuhfer	Wyomissing, PA	- Teachers Building Resilience and Creating Compassionate Classrooms - Mindfulness for Educators and Their Students	\$1975.00 \$1975.00
Melissa Borgia Askey	Beaver Falls, PA	- Structuring Productive Group Work and Discussions - ESL for Everyone	\$1975.00 \$1975.00

- Approved closing an IBHS manager's position and adding an assistant supervisor's position
- Ratified an agreement with Aetna Network Services for the provision of IBHS services for reimbursement
- Approved purchasing additional licenses for the three-year agreement with TeachTown
- Approved an agreement with Frye Transportation for the 2026 – 2027 school year
- Amended the current agreement with FTF Behavioral Consultants to include Practical Functional Assessment

Addendum

- Appointed Mr. Zachry Huwar as the Director of Special Education effective August 27, 2026
- Employed the following persons as Shared Aides at New Horizon School:
 - Ms. Alyssa Ramstine, effective date to be determined
 - Ms. Harlee Barton, effective date to be determined
- Adopted a Memorandum of Understanding resolving the grievance filed on or about June 22, 2026

Reports

Executive Director - Dr. Rosendale gave kudos to the maintenance staff. He stated that they have been working tirelessly and have done a great job getting everything ready for school!

Dr. Rosendale informed the Board that we will be moving to the Keystone agenda, hopefully for the next meeting.

Solicitor - Mr. Steff said that he's been busy as usual. He stated that we need to have an Executive Session with no action to be taken to discuss potential litigation.

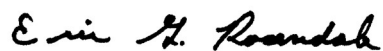
Other Business - Mrs. Niedbala stated that we had a great first day of school. The students and staff are happy to be back. She stated that we have 164 students at New Horizon School and 52 students at New Horizon North. She reminded everyone that the September Board meeting will be held at New Horizon School in conjunction with open house. Mrs. Niedbala wished Mr. Huwar the best of luck in his new role.

Mrs. Klessner stated that she went to New Horizon School on the first day and said everything looked great.

Mr. Mowad commended SitelogiQ, the administration and staff for the hard work that they have been doing.

Public Comment – None

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Eric G. Rosendale
Executive Director

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