

Agenda of BVIU Board of Directors Meeting #592

The Board of Directors Beaver Valley IU 27

A BVIU Board of Directors Meeting #592 of the Board of Directors of Beaver Valley IU 27 will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2026, beginning at 6:30 PM New Horizon Auditorium, 128 Friendship Circle, Beaver, PA 15009.

1. Call to Order

Speaker(s): Board President

2. Roll Call

Speaker(s): Recording Secretary

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Speaker(s): Board President

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Speaker(s): Board President

Description: Background Information: The packet containing the proposed agenda and related materials was made available to each Board member.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Speaker(s): Board President

Description: "Are there any public comments on agenda items only?"

6. Consent Agenda

Description: Background Information: The agenda and related materials were made available to all Board members.

6.A. Approval of Minutes

Description: Background Information: The minutes from the August 26, 2026 meeting were mailed to each Board Member.

6.B. Treasurer's Report

6.B.1. Intermediate Unit

Description: Background Information: The Treasurer's Reports of the various accounts for August, 2026, as well as the listing of bills for the month of September, 2026 are presented for approval.

6.B.2. Beaver County School Health Insurance Consortium

Description: Background Information: Provided for your review and approval for the Insurance Consortium:

- Financial Report for month ending August, 2026
- Minutes from the September 21, 2026 meeting

6.C. Personnel

6.C.1. Resignation — Clements

Description: Background Information: Ms. Denise Clements, Behavior Health Technician, has submitted her letter of resignation, effective September 8, 2026.

6.C.2. Resignation - Dunham

Description: Background Information: Miss Gracii Dunham, Shared Classroom Aide at New Horizon School, has submitted her letter of resignation, effective September 24, 2026.

6.C.3. Employment - Gorka

Description: Background Information: In order to fill the Mental Health Professional vacancy in the Outpatient Services program, it is recommended that Ms Kathy Gorka, Wexford, PA be employed full-time, effective September 21, 2026. Salary for this position is \$48,500.

6.C.4. Employment - LaSalle-Dripps

Description: Background Information: In order to fill the Special Education Teacher vacancy at New Horizon School, it is recommended that Ms. Diane LaSalle-Dripps, Ambridge, PA be employed full-time effective date to be determined. Salary for this position is 85% of Step 1 Masters, \$57,062.

6.C.5. Employment - Drda

Description: Background Information: In order to fill the Shared Classroom Aide position at New Horizon North, it is recommended that Miss Jennifer Drda, Mercer, PA be employed full-time effective date September 25, 2026. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

6.C.6. Employment - Shubert

Description: Background Information: In order to fill the Behavior Health Technician vacancy in the Outpatient Services program, it is recommended that Miss Taylor Shubert, Bellevue, NE be employed full-time, effective date to be determined. Salary to be set at \$22/hour for billable hours and \$11/hour for non-billable hours.

6.C.7. Employment - Rucker

Description: Background Information: In order to fill the Shared Classroom Aide position at New Horizon North, it is recommended that Miss Lindsey Rucker, New Castle, PA be employed full-time effective date September 29, 2026. Salary for this position is \$24,000.

6.C.8. FMLA Request - Employee #22

Description: Background Information: Employee #22 has requested and been found eligible for leave through the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The FMLA approval date is September 9, 2026. Leave is effective September 10, 2026; not to exceed 12 weeks.

6.C.9. SPS Uncompensated Leave Request - Employee #91

Description: Background Information: The following personnel has requested and is eligible for Uncompensated Leave:

Employee	Approval Date	Length of Leave
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Employee	Approval Date	Length of Leave
ID #91	September 15, 2026	October 22, 2026

6.C.10. Induction Program Mentor Teacher Assignment

Description: Background Information: In order to provide a mentor for new staff, the following assignments are provided for Board review and approval:

New Professional Staff	Mentor
Victoria Shults - ES Teacher	Jerrod Rebich - Transition Manager
Kyle Gelvin - MDS Teacher	Michelle Vujaklya - LSS Teacher
Kristan Cruise - MDS Teacher	Jeannine Watson - Hearing Support Teacher
Maureen O'Brien - Speech Therapist	Morgan Prokovich - Speech Therapist
Elizabeth Glenn - Speech Therapist	Nicholas Pollio - Speech Therapist
Jason Hummell - Special Subject Teacher	Jordan Kirkpatrick - Special Subject Teacher
Antoinette Brucker - ES Teacher	Tairy Benincase - ES Teacher
Michelle McKnight - MDS Teacher	Stephanie McJunkin - MDS Teacher

6.C.11. Professional Employee Contracts

Description: Background Information: The following Professional Employees have completed three years of satisfactory experience with the BVIU. It is recommended that they be granted a Professional Employee Contract:

Nicole Becker
 Ryan Berich
 Erin Convery
 Corinn Coposky
 Jenna Davis
 Sydney Migliore
 Albert Shultz

6.D. Fundraising Activities

Description: Background Information: The following are fund-raising activities for the 2026-2027 school year for Board review and approval:

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Chestnut Hill Candles	Prom	September 24, 2026
Brunch Blitz	New Horizon Polar Plunge Team	October 25, 2026
Casanova at The Lake - Band Performance	New Horizon School	November, 2026
Sunseri Pepperoni Rolls	MDS Classrooms	October w/November 4, 2026 delivery

Event	Sponsor	Date of Event
Daffin's Candy Sale	New Horizon North	September 20, 2026
New Horizon North Craft Show	New Horizon North	March 20, 2027

6.E. PSBA Election of Officers

Description: Background Information: The following slate of officers are recommended for consideration by PSBA:

President Elect Nominees:	Nominated by:
Matt Vanoy - Sharon SD	
One-year term	

Vice President Nominees:	Nominated by:
Kristy Bolte - Northwestern SD	
One-year term	

Treasurer:	Nominated by:
David Hein - Parkland SD	
Three-year term	

Western Zone Representative:	Nominated by:
Michael Panza - Moniteau SD	
Two-year term	

PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees: vote for two	Nominated by:
Marianne Neel	
Dr. Michael Faccinnetto	
Three-year term	

6.F. Contract Service Agreements

6.F.1. UPMC

Description: Background Information: Authorization is requested to enter into an agreement with UPMC for the provision of IBHS services within its network for reimbursement.

6.F.2. New Horizon North Lease Agreement

Description: Background Information: Authorization is requested to renew the lease agreement with Allied Coordinated Transportation Services, Inc. for New

Horizon North. This lease would be a 5-year agreement. The cost of the lease is \$193,430 per year.

6.F.3. Physical Therapy Assistant Contract

Description: Background Information: In order to provide physical therapy services for students at New Horizon School and New Horizon North, authorization is requested to enter into a two-year agreement with FAD Therapy, LLC. The fee for the service is \$80/hour for the first year and \$81/hour for the second year.

6.F.4. STAT Staffing Contract Addendum

Description: Background Information: It is recommended that the Board approve the addendum to the June 10, 2022 agreement from STAT Staffing Medical Services, Inc. The staffing rate increase for Registered Nurses is \$66.88 an hour.

7. Discussion Items

7.A. Profit-Sharing Bonus

Description: Background Information: It is recommended that the Board set a profit-sharing bonus threshold for Mental Health Services staff who fall under the Mental Health Services Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year. Per the agreement, eighty (80) percent of profits accrued beyond the set annual threshold will be divided among the members who qualify.

7.B. New Position - ESL Teacher

Description: Background Information: Due to increased caseloads and English Language Learner (ELL) demands, the administration is recommending employing an itinerant ESL teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. The teacher would serve the local school districts that contract with the BVIU for ESL services.

7.C. Addendum

8. Correspondence

9. Executive Director's Report

10. Solicitor's Report

11. Other Business

12. Public Comment

13. Adjournment