

**BIG BEAVER FALLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
JANUARY 16, 2025**

SCHOOL DIRECTOR RECOGNITION MONTH

We recognize and salute the contributions of the Board of Directors of the Big Beaver Falls Area School District. We are very proud of our Board Members, who dedicate many hours to the well-being of our students and District. These locally elected officials have distinguished themselves and our communities in the non-paid volunteer public service commitment. Their contributions should be recognized and appreciated. School board members face many challenges and make decisions vital to the District's educational programs. They provide role models for the American tradition of volunteering to do everything possible to benefit the educational needs of our children and community.

1. PERSONNEL

A. Leave of Absence

1. Ryan Houk is requesting unpaid leave days for December 12th and 18th, 2024 and January 6th, 7th and 14th, 2025 for a total of 3 ½ unpaid days.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Ryan Houk's request for unpaid leave days for December 12th and 18th, 2024 and January 6th, 7th and 14th, 2025 for a total of 3 ½ unpaid days.*

2. Carrie Witter is requesting unpaid leave days for December 11th through December 13th, 2024 and January 6th, 2025.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Carrie Witter's request for unpaid leave days for December 11th through December 13th, 2024 and January 6th, 2025.*

3. Daya Lindsey is requesting 5 intermittent unpaid leave days January 7th through the end of January 2025.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Daya Lindsey's request for 5 intermittent unpaid leave days January 7th through the end of January 2025.*

4. Nicole McKay is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning April 21, 2025 for up to 19 days.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Nicole McKay's request for a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning April 21, 2025 for up to 19 days.*

B. Appointment

1. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Javon Turner as a volunteer assistant boys basketball coach effective the 2024/2025 school year.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Javon Turner as a volunteer assistant boys basketball coach effective the 2024/2025 school year.*

2. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Lauren Gerard as the head 7th/8th grade girls volleyball coach effective the 2024/2025 school year at a salary of \$1,600.00

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Lauren Gerard as the head 7th/8th grade girls volleyball coach effective the 2024/2025 school year at a salary of \$1,600.00.*

C. Retirement

Mrs. Joyce Depenhart has submitted her letter of intent to retire as Director of Student Services effective July 1, 2025 with 12 years of service with the District.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Mrs. Joyce Depenhart's letter of intent to retire as Director of Student Services effective July 1, 2025 with 12 years of service with the District.*

D. Custodial Substitute List

The Building & Grounds Director recommends adding Brandon Solomon to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** adding Brandon Solomon to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.*

E. Additions to the Van Driver List

The Administration recommends approving the additions to the Van Driver list for the 2024/2025 school year.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the additions to the Van Driver list for 2024/2025 school year.*

2. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

- A. Ms. Manno and Mrs. Tessier are requesting permission to take 70-90 students to CCBC to attend the Winter and Spring YAP Event on Thursday, January 2, 2025 and Wednesday, April 16, 2025.
- B. Mr. Liller and Mr. Maruca are requesting permission to take 30 students to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh to attend Autorama Career Day on January 24, 2025.
- C. Ms. Manno is requesting permission to take 30-40 juniors to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh to attend a College Fair on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.
- D. Mr. Aaron Shakespeare is requesting permission to take 40 students to Soldiers and Sailor Memorial Hall in Pittsburgh for Black History Month Summit on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.
- E. Ms. Flick and Mrs. Hendrickson are requesting permission to take 30 students to the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh to attend a theater arts workshop on February 6, 2025.
- F. Ms. Jodikinos and Mrs. Rakic are requesting permission to take 40 students to Living Treasures in New Castle on Thursday, May 8, 2025.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the above field trip requests on dates and at locations as listed.*

3. EXONERATION OF TAX COLLECTORS

The Administration recommends approval to exonerate the local tax collectors from further collection of the 2024 Real Estate Tax.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** exonerating the local tax exonerating the local tax collectors from further collection of the 2024 Real Estate Tax.*

4. POLICY REVISION

The Business Manager recommends approving a revision to Policy #626 to remove RFP language in accordance with PDE recommendation.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** a revision to Policy #626 to remove RFP language in accordance with PDE recommendation.*

5. GREEN TRAIL SOLUTIONS LEASE

The Business Manager recommends approving entering into a 60 month lease with Green Trail Solutions at a rate of \$158 per month beginning March 2025 for replacement of the existing postage meter machine. Pricing is through Sourcewell State leasing.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** entering into a 60 month lease with Green Trail Solutions at a rate of \$158 per month beginning March 2025 for replacement of the existing postage meter machine. Pricing is through Sourcewell State leasing.*

6. ELITE ATHLETIX CONTRACT PROPOSAL

The Athletic Director recommends approving the contract proposal with Elite Athletix for our student athletes for 17 weeks not to exceed \$3,740.00. This cost

will be paid through the Athletic budget.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the contract proposal with Elite Athletix for our student athletes for 17 weeks not to exceed \$3,740.00. This cost will be paid through the Athletic budget.*