

**BIG BEAVER FALLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
APRIL 10, 2025**

1. PERSONNEL

A. Retirement

1. Daniel Showalter has submitted his letter for retirement from the maintenance department effective June 2, 2025, with 23 years of service to the District.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Daniel Showalter's retirement from the maintenance department effective June 2, 2025, with 23 years of service to the District.*

2. Michael Podbielski has submitted his letter for retirement from the maintenance department effective June 30, 2025, with 18 years of service to the District.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Michael Podbielski's retirement from the maintenance department effective June 30, 2025, with 18 years of service to the District.*

B. Leave of Absence

1. Ryan Houk is requesting an unpaid leave day for March 31, 2025.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Ryan Houk's unpaid leave day for March 31, 2025.*

2. Carrie Witter is requesting unpaid leave days for March 12 & 24, 2025 and April 7 through April 11, 2025.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Carrie Witter's unpaid leave days for March 12 & 24, 2025 and April 7 through April 11, 2025.*

C. Appointments

1. The Building and Grounds Director recommends appointing Braiden Hunter as a student worker at a rate of \$14.00 per hour beginning March 31, 2025.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Braiden Hunter as a student worker at a rate of \$14.00 per hour beginning March 31, 2025.*

D. Additions to the 2024/2025 Van Driver List

The Administration recommends approving the additions to the 2024/2025 Van Driver List.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the additions to the 2024/2025 Van Driver List.*

E. Long Term Paraprofessional Rate

The Administration recommends approving long term paraprofessional rate to \$15.00 per hour for the 2024/2025 school year.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** long term paraprofessional rate to \$15.00 per hour for the 2024/2025 school year.*

2. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

- A. Mrs. Rachel Prince and Mr. Tom Marshall are requesting permission to take 17 students to Beaver Valley Mall Food Court to expose students to ordering food, paying, and getting food from a fast food restaurant on Friday, April 11, 2025.
- B. Mrs. Melanie Flick and Mrs. Angie Hendrickson are requesting to take 14 students on a 21st CCLC trip to the Benedum Center where they will see the musical, "Come From Away" after school on Friday, May 2, 2025.
- C. Mr. Brian Farkas is requesting permission to take 10 students to the Beaver County Courthouse to learn more about the law and legal process on Monday, May 5, 2025.
- D. Mrs. Leslie Gossett is requesting permission to take 4 students from the Ushers and FOR Club to The Caring Place in Wexford where they will take a tour and present a check from Grief Awareness Day on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

- E. Mrs. Felicity Miller and Mrs. Jennifer Hawthorne are requesting to take approximately 12-14 students to Penn State Beaver in Monaca where 7th and 8th grade students will compete in Battle of the Books on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.
- F. Ms. Angela Manno and Mrs. Dana Tessier are requesting permission to take 80 students to Brady's Run Park where they will have an end of year celebration with all of the Youth Ambassadors on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.
- G. Mrs. Natalie Wallace is requesting permission to take 40 students to Beaver County Career & Technology Center where 8th grade students will be given the opportunity to explore the CTC program on Friday, May 16, 2025.
- H. Mrs. Dana Hoover, Mrs. Brigette Schilling, Mrs. Hannah Rhodes, and Mrs. Paige Grim are requesting permission to take 80 students to Moraine State Park where they will take part in environmental activities on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.
- I. Mrs. Jessica Ezop is requesting permission to take 25 students to Allegheny Observatory for a tour and then will be able to observe the stars using telescopes, at no cost to the district and the bus will be reimbursed by Pitt on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

MOTION

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

3. DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

The Administration recommends authorizing Jenny Barnes to sign off as District representative for the 4605 address verification forms effective July 1, 2025. She will replace Mary Beth Leeman as the authorized district representative.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** authorizing Jenny Barnes to sign off as the District representative for the 4605 address verification forms effective July 1, 2025. She will replace Mary Beth Leeman as the authorized representative.*

4. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2025/2026 BUDGET

The Administration recommends approving the Beaver County Career & Technology Center 2025/2026 Operating Budget in the amount of \$8,114,319.00.

MOTION

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the Beaver County Career & Technology Center 2025/2026 Operating Budget in the amount of \$8,114,319.00.*