

**BIG BEAVER FALLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL VOTING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

**TEACHER TENURE**-The Administration recognizes Ryan Burger and certifies him for tenure.

**1. PERSONNEL**

**A. Retirement**

1. Mr. Doug Biega has submitted his letter of intent to retire as Family and Consumer Science teacher effective January 9, 2026 with 27 years of service with the District.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Doug Biega's retirement as Family and Consumer Science teacher effective January 9, 2026 with 27 years of service with the District.*

**B. Resignation**

1. Mrs. Brooke Hoffman submitted her letter of resignation as High School Special Education Teacher on October 15, 2025.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Brooke Hoffman's resignation as High School Special Education Teacher on October 15, 2025.*

**C. Leave of Absence**

1. Mrs. Jessica Rakic is requesting an extension on her previously approved Family and Medical Leave of Absence to be used intermittently for up to 60 days.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Jessica Rakic's extension on her previously approved Family and Medical Leave of Absence to be used intermittently for up to 60 days.*

2. Mrs. Stefanie Pyle is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning November 18, 2025 with an expected return date of January 15, 2026 for up to 60 days.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Stefanie Pyle's request for a Family and Medical Leave of Absence beginning November 18, 2025 with an expected return date of January 15, 2026 for up to 60 days.*

**D. Appointment**

1. The Administration recommends appointing Renee Wilcox as a para-educator at the High School effective November 17, 2025 at a Step 1 rate of \$16.85 per hour, pending receipt of all clearances.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Renee Wilcox as a para-educator at the High School effective November 17, 2025 at a Step 1 rate of \$16.85 per hour, pending receipt of all clearances.*

2. The Athletic Committee recommends appointing Megan Pinkerton as Head Varsity Softball Coach at a salary of \$4,000.00 effective the 2025/2026 school year, pending receipt of clearances.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Megan Pinkerton as Head Varsity Softball Coach at a salary of \$4,000.00 effective the 2025/2026 school year, pending receipt of clearances.*

3. The Athletic Committee recommends appointing Walt Izzo as a Volunteer Assistant Bowling Coach effective the 2025/2026 school year.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Walt Izzo as a Volunteer Assistant Bowling Coach effective the 2025/2026 school year.*

4. The Athletic Committee recommends appointing Sheldon Jeter as a Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach effective the 2025/2026 school year, pending receipt of all clearances.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** appointing Sheldon Jeter as a Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball Coach effective the 2025/2026 school year, pending receipt of all clearances.*

### **E. Conference Request**

Mr. Doug Rowe has been selected by the Principal Association for a scholarship trip to the Nobel Summit in Stockholm, Sweden March 16-20, 2026, to study education. All costs will be covered through the PA Principal Association Scholarship.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Mr. Rowe's request to attend the Nobel Summit in Stockholm, Sweden March 16-20, 2026, to study education. All costs will be covered through the PA Principal Association Scholarship.*

### **F. Custodial Substitute List**

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

### **MOTION**

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

### **G. Additions to the 2025/2026 Bus Driver List**

The Administration recommends approving the additions to the 2025/2026 Bus Driver List.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the additions to the 2025/2026 Bus Driver List.*

## **2. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

- A.** Mr. Shakespeare and Mr. Solomon are requesting permission to take 30 students to Penn State Greater Allegheny campus in McKeesport for Multicultural Day on Saturday, November 8, 2025.
- B.** Ms. Manno and Mrs. Wilson are requesting to take 5 students to Westinghouse Waltz Mill in Ruffs Dale, PA for "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" day on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

- C. Mrs. Johnson and Lauren Hahn are requesting permission to take 20 students to UPMC Pathways for Student Educational Career Event at David L. Convention Center to explore various career opportunities on Thursday, November 20, 2025.
- D. Mrs. Gaul and Mr. Kunsman are requesting to take 30 students to the Byham Theatre in Pittsburgh to see A Musical Christmas Carol on Thursday, December 18, 2025.
- E. Mrs. Cobb and Mr. Maruca are requesting permission to take 20-25 students to Rosedale Technical College in Pittsburgh for a tour on Thursday, February 5, 2026.
- F. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Ezop are requesting permission to take 10 students to the BVIU to participate in the Keystone STEM Competition on Thursday, February 12, 2026.
- G. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ezop, Mrs. Benn and Mr. Graham are requesting to take approximately 40 students to Kennywood for Education Days on Friday, May 1, 2026.
- H. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teachers at Big Beaver and Central Elementary are requesting to take their classes to Pine Valley Camp in Ellwood City where they will have 14 stations of activities on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 for grades 2-3 and Thursday, May 21, 2026 for grades 4-5.
- I. Mrs. Ezop is requesting to take 45 students to Pittsburgh Botanic Gardens to learn about gardening on Friday, May 22, 2026.
- J. Mr. Goode is requesting to take 60 students in the marching band to Presque Isle and Splash Lagoon for the Marching Bank Spring Trip on Saturday, May 30 through Sunday, May 31, 2026.

**MOTION**

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

**3. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

The Board of Education recommends approval of the high school students traveling to the Dominican Republic on the Education First International trip in July 2027.

**MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the high school students traveling to the Dominican Republic on the Education First International trip in July 2027.*

#### **4. REAL ESTATE TAX RESOLUTION**

The Administration recommends approving the Real Estate Tax Resolution certifying that the millage will not be levied above 5.4% for the 2026/2027 budget. This is the maximum allowable increase under the Act 1 Index without applying for State approved exceptions or getting approval through public referendum.

##### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the Real Estate Tax Resolution certifying that the millage will not be levied above 5.4% for the 2026/2027 budget. This is the maximum allowable increase under the Act 1 Index without applying for State approved exceptions or getting approval through public referendum.*

#### **5. PSBA RESOLUTION**

The Big Beaver Falls School Board makes a motion to approve the PSBA Resolution urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to end the State Budget Impasse.

##### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the PSBA Resolution urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to end the State Budget Impasse.*

#### **6. ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCURRENCE OF DEBT BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT #27 AS THE OPERATING AGENT OF THE NEW HORIZON SCHOOL**

A Resolution is presented for adoption by the Big Beaver Falls Area School District which authorizes the Board of School Directors of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit #27 as operating agent of the New Horizon School to incur debt in an amount not to exceed Twenty Million and 00/100 (\$20,000,000.00) Dollars for the remediation of the presence of mold and asbestos present in the New Horizon School building. It is recommended that the Resolution be approved as presented.

##### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the Resolution for adoption by the Big Beaver Falls Area School District which authorizes the Board of School Directors of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit #27 as operating agent of the New Horizon School to incur debt in an amount not to exceed Twenty Million and 00/100 (\$20,000,000.00) Dollars for the remediation of the presence of mold and asbestos present in the New Horizon School building. It is recommended that the Resolution be approved as presented.*

## **7. BEAVER COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER'S AMENDED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT**

The Big Beaver Falls School Board makes a motion to approve the Beaver County Technology Center's Amended Articles of Agreement as presented and reviewed in October.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** the Beaver County Technology Center's Amended Articles of Agreement as presented and reviewed in October.*

## **8. LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICE**

The Special Education Compliance Director recommends approval of language interpretation and translation service agreement with Global Wordsmith at \$65.00-\$70.00 per hour for a two year term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** language interpretation and translation service agreement with Global Wordsmith \$65.00-\$70.00 per hour for a two year term January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.*

## **9. ROOF PROJECT**

The Administration and Building and Grounds Director recommends approval for Reynolds Energy Services, Inc. d/b/a SitelogIQ Energy Services, Inc. to proceed with design for scopes of work at the High School including skylight replacement and or skylight infill. No payment for design is required until a project is accepted by the district.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Reynolds Energy Services, Inc. d/b/a SitelogIQ Energy Services, Inc. to proceed with design for scopes of work at the High School including skylight replacement and or skylight infill. No payment for design is required until a project is accepted by the district.*

## **10. AMERGIS HEALTHCARE STAFFING CONTRACT**

The Administration recommends approving Amergis Healthcare Staffing contract at \$62.00 per hour for Registered Nurses and \$57.00 per hour for Licensed Practical Nurses as needed.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Amergis Healthcare Staffing contract at \$62.00 per hour for Registered Nurses and \$57.00 per hour for Licensed Practical Nurses as needed.*

## **11. TORO TRACTOR DONATION**

The Building and Grounds Director recommends donating a Toro tractor to the youth baseball and softball recreation programs.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** a donated Toro tractor to the youth baseball and softball recreation programs.*

## **12. SCHOOL BOARD RESIGNATION**

Mr. Tom Karczewski has submitted his letter of resignation from the school board. His term will expire on December 1, 2025.

### **MOTION**

*I move the Board **approve/disapprove** Tom Karczewski's resignation from the school board. His term will expire on December 1, 2025.*

