

BLaST Intermediate Unit #17  
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The BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Board of Directors held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 virtually via video-conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Lori Baer, President, at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call:

Lori Baer, President	Present
Julie Preston, Vice President	Present
Debra Agnew, Treasurer	Present
Devin Brown	Present
Doug Eberlin	Present
Scott Johnson	Present
Christina Kiessling	Absent
Dan Martin	Present
Lisa McClintock	Absent
Nathan Miller	Present
Kathy Jo Minnick	Present
Peggi Munkittrick	Present
Neal Palmer	Present
Nancy Petrosky	Present
Dana Pick	Present
William S. Ruffing	Present
Barbara Shull	Present
Hal Stockdill	Present
Wellsboro	Vacated

Others present were: Brooke Beiter, Jon Desantis, Erin Hamilton, Ann Kehrer, Mike Levin, Chris Liddic, Amy Martell, Ardis Mason, Sara McNett, Jon Paulhamus, Angie Sees, Cheryl Starr, Christina Steinbacher-Reed, Kelly Swartwood, Dana Vermilya, and Tracy Wright.

At 7:08 p.m. the board of directors went into an Executive Session for safety, personnel and attorney advisement. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

At this time board member Neal Palmer left the meeting.

A copy of the agenda is attached as Pages 2526-1 through 2526-3.

Mr. Brown moved and Mr. Miller seconded to approve the following:

**4. Items Requiring Routine Formal Action by the Board.**

**A. Resolution**

WHEREAS, on Monday, November 23, 2020, the Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (“the Secretary”) ordered that the Executive Director and President (“the President”) of the Board of School Directors (“the School Board”) make certain attestations (“the Attestation”) if the Intermediate Unit operates in-person learning and the county is in the “substantial range of community transmission” as defined by the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the School Board intends to act in accordance with law and lawful Orders of the Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary issued an Order on November 17, 2020 pertaining to travel; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary issued a second Order on November 17, 2020 pertaining to face covering; and

WHEREAS, copies of all three Orders are attached hereto as exhibits “A” through “C;”

NOW, THEREFORE, *be it resolved* that:

1. The Executive Director and the President are directed to execute the Attestation ordered by the Secretary and if said attestation was made before this action was taken, it is hereby ratified; and

2. The Executive Director or designee shall ensure that the matters being attested to are followed;

3. Employees and students shall comply with the requirements of applicable law, including any applicable Orders issued by the Secretary, the Governor, the Secretary of Education and state and county health departments, including the Orders attached hereto; and

4. The Executive Director or designee shall post this Resolution and the attached Orders and the Intermediate Unit’s Health and Safety Plan on the Intermediate Unit’s website and ensure that employees and students are notified of same.

The Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts is attached as Pages 2527-1 through 2527-20.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lori Baer, Julie Preston, Debra Agnew, Devin Brown, Doug Eberlin, Scott Johnson, Dan Martin, Nathan Miller, Kathy Jo Minnick, Margaret Munkittrick, Nancy Petrosky, Dana Pick, William Ruffing, Barbara Shull, Hal Stockdill

Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mr. Eberlin moved and Mr. Preston seconded to approve the following:

**4. Items Requiring Routine Formal Action by the Board.**

**B. Consider Approving the Contract of Executive Director**

Consider approving the contract renewal of the Executive Director, Dr. Christina Steinbacher-Reed, October 1, 2021 through September 31, 2025. This contract issue has been discussed by the Board of Directors and has been reviewed by the Director of Management Services.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Lori Baer, Julie Preston, Debra Agnew, Devin Brown, Doug Eberlin, Scott Johnson, Dan Martin, Margaret Munkittrick, Nancy Petrosky, Barbara Shull, Hal Stockdill.

Nays: Nathan Miller, Kathy Jo Minnick, Dana Pick, William Ruffing.  
The motion carried.

Ms. Preston moved at 8:23 p.m. to the adjourn the meeting and Mr. Miller seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara McNett  
Board Secretary