

BLaST Intermediate Unit #17
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The BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Board of Directors held a special meeting on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 virtually via video-conferencing.

1. Call to Order.

A. The meeting was called to order by Lori Baer, President, at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Lori Baer, President	Present
Julie Preston, Vice President	Present
Debra Agnew, Treasurer	Present
Devin Brown	Absent
Rebecca Charles	Absent
Doug Eberlin	Present
Scott Johnson	Present
Christina Kiessler	Present (arrived at 7:07)
Dan Martin	Present
Lisa McClintock	Present
Nathan Miller	Absent
Kathy Jo Minnick	Absent
Peggi Munkittrick	Present
Neal Palmer	Absent
Nancy Petrosky	Present
Dana Pick	Absent
William S. Ruffing	Absent
Barbara Shull	Present
Hal Stockdill	Present

Others present were: Brooke Beiter, Erica Hoyt, Mike Levin, Amy Martell, Sara McNett, Jon Paulhamus, Cheryl Starr, Christina Steinbacher-Reed, and Dana Vermilya.

The agenda is attached as Pages 2558-1 through 2558-4.

Mr. Stockdill moved and Ms. Preston seconded to approve the following:

2B. Resignation, IU Board Member

1. Ms. Kathy Jo Minnick-Athens Area School District

Ms. Kathy Jo Minnick has resigned as the Athens Area School District representative on the IU 17 Board of Directors. It is recommended that the Board accept Ms. Minnick's resignation, effective July 20, 2021.

The motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.

3A. Introductions.

None

3B. Public Comments.

None

4. Report of Meeting Held June 16, 2021

Mr. Eberlin moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve all of the decisions and recommendations of the Committee of the board members that met on June 16, 2021. The motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.

A quorum of members of the Board was not present at the meeting held June 16, 2021. The members present at this meeting acted as a Committee-of-the-Whole and considered items on the agenda. Report of the recommendations of this Committee are attached as Pages 2559-1 through 2559-117.

The motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.

At 7:07 p.m. the board went into executive session for personnel reasons and reconvened the meeting at 7:27.

Mr. Eberlin made an omnibus motion to approve the remaining agenda items and Ms. Munkittrick seconded.

6A. Personnel, Resignations.

1. **Julia Edler**, Special Education Teacher, resignation effective June 23, 2021
2. **Tiffany Newton**, Speech Therapist, resignation effective July 20, 2021
3. **Becca Baier**, Special Education Teacher, resignation effective September 11, 2021 or when released
4. **Cassidy Bellows**, Speech Therapist, resignation effective September 11, 2021 or when released
5. **Katelyn Campbell**, Speech Therapist, resignation effective September 11, 2021 or when released
6. **Andra Sauers**, Behavioral Health Coordinator, resignation effective September 17, 2021 or when released

7. **Lisa Corbin**, Teacher, Alternative Education, resignation effective September 17, 2021 or when released.
 8. **Rosanna Hausammann**, Teacher, Alternative Education, resignation effective September 24, 2021 or when released
 9. **Michelle Clonch**, Office Support, resignation effective August 6, 2021
 10. **Maria Pierce**, Special Education Supervisor, resignation effective September 26, 2021 or when released
- 7A. **Personnel, Establishment of New Positions, New Programs, and/or Program Revisions.**
1. **Establishment of Position – Director of Behavioral and Mental Health Services**

The administration recommends that the Board approve the position of Director of Behavioral and Mental Health Services. Description attached as Pages 2560-1 through 2560-3.
- 7B. **Personnel, Employments.**
1. The administration recommends Board approval of the following temporary professional and/or professional employee appointments:
 - A. **Tamara Tressler-Blewitt**, Special Education Teacher, effective August 9, 2021 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Julia Edler. Bachelor's Step 3 Salary – \$54,159, temporary professional contract. This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.
 - B. **Megan Button**, Early Intervention Developmental Support Teacher, effective when released to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Carla Tardieu. Master's Step 7 Salary – \$61,799, professional contract. This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.
 - C. **Tracy Frolich**, Act 89 Teacher, effective September 20, 2021 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Becca Baier. Master's Step 15 Salary – \$76,379, professional contract. This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.
 - D. **Melissa Wilson**, Speech Therapist, effective August 9, 2021 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Tiffany Newton. Master's Step 1 Salary – \$52,500, temporary professional contract. This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.

2. The administration recommends the employment of the following personnel:

- A. **Melissa Boob**, Nurse, 210 days, Academy of Integrated Studies-South, effective July 15, 2021, \$48,000 prorated to the actual number of days to be worked; districts' contracts to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Amy Fessler.

7C. Personnel, Change of Work Assignment.

E. Erica Hoyt-Special Education Supervisor

Due to the internal transfer of Daniel Coran, the administration recommends the Board approve the internal transfer of Ms. Erica Hoyt to Special Education Supervisor, with a salary adjusted to \$80,000, 225 days prorated to the actual number of days worked, effective August 2, 2021. Employment in accordance with Board policy as adopted in the 2020-2023 Administrative Compensation plan.

7D. Personnel, Abolishment of Position.

A. Consider abolishing the Director of Psychological and Behavioral Health Services position

The administration recommends that the Director of Psychological and Behavioral Health position at the Intermediate Unit be eliminated effective Wednesday, July 28, 2021.

The motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Stockdill moved and Mr. Eberlin seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara McNett
Board Secretary