

BLaST Intermediate Unit #17
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The BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Board of Directors held a special meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 in the BLaST Administration Office, 33 Springbrook Drive, Canton, Pennsylvania. This meeting was conducted via video-conferencing between the I.U. #17 Office, Canton, Pennsylvania and Sullivan Room, I.U. #17 Office, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

1. Call to Order.

A. The meeting was called to order by Lori Baer at 7:00 p.m.

2A. Roll Call.

Lori Baer, President	Present
Scott Johnson, Vice President	Present
Debra Agnew, Treasurer	Present
Cathy Bachman	Present
Susan Beery	Absent
Rebecca Charles	Absent
Jonathan DeSantis	Present(virtual)
Jessie Edwards	Present
Brady Finogle	Present(virtual)
Arica Jennings	Present
Christina Kiessling	Present
Dan Martin	Present
Lisa McClintock	Absent
Julie Preston	Absent
Chad Riley	Absent
Hal Stockdill	Present
Kelly White	Absent
Northeast Bradford	Vacated
Athens	Vacated

Others present were: Jason Albright, Brooke Beiter, Tim Confer, Dan Coran, Mike Levin, Amy Martell, Mikaela Masser, Sara McNett, Allison Mertes, Jon Paulhamus, April Seeley, Cheryl Starr, and Christina Steinbacher-Reed.

A copy of the agenda is attached as Pages 2640-1 through 2640-4.

At 7:02 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session for personnel matters and attorney advisement.

The meeting reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

Mr. Johnson moved and Ms. Bachman seconded to accept an omnibus motion for the remaining agenda items.

6A. Personnel, Resignations.

1. **Hayley Potter**, Special Education Teacher, resignation effective June 14, 2022.
2. **Beth Martin**, Title I Reading Teacher, resignation effective June 24, 2022.
3. **Gretchen Geer**, Accounts Payable Specialist, resignation effective July 6, 2022.
4. **Amy Martell**, Assistant Executive Director/Director of Student Services, resignation effective upon release.
5. **Zachary Rowles**, Information Technology Specialist, resignation effective July 8, 2022.
6. **Melissa Peddigree**, Special Education Teacher, resignation effective July 12, 2022.
7. **Lindsey Johnson**, Speech Therapist, resignation effective August 19, 2022.
8. **Amanda Specht**, Speech Therapist, resignation effective August 19, 2022.
9. **Carolyn Eick**, Special Education Teacher, resignation effective July 22, 2022.

7A. Personnel, Employments.

1. The administration recommends Board approval of the following temporary professional and/or professional employee appointments:
 - A. **Nichole Burns**, Special Education Teacher, effective July 18, 2022. Salary – 2022-2023 Teacher’s Salary Schedule when adopted; 2021-2022 Step 15 Master’s, \$76,379; Early Intervention Budget, prorated to the actual number of days worked. Professional Employee’s contract. To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Jonelle Havard. This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.
 - B. **Jessica Pepper**, Speech Therapist, effective August 8, 2022. Salary – 2022-2023 Teacher’s Salary Schedule when adopted; 2021-2022 Step 1 Master’s, \$52,500; Early Intervention Budget, prorated to the actual number of days worked. Temporary Professional Employee’s contract. To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Katelyn Callanan. This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.

- C. **Michaela Babcock**, Speech Therapist, effective August 8, 2022.
 Salary – 2022-2023 Teacher’s Salary Schedule when adopted;
 2021-2022 Step 1 Master’s, \$52,500; Early Intervention Budget and
 districts’ contracts, prorated to the actual number of days worked.
 Temporary Professional Employee’s contract. To fill vacancy created by
 the resignation of Trevor Solis. This employment is contingent upon
 receipt of current clearances.

 - D. **Benedict Pavalko**, Special Education Teacher, effective August 8, 2022.
 Salary – 2022-2023 Teacher’s Salary Schedule when adopted;
 2021-2022 Step 14 Master’s, \$74,013; districts’ contracts, prorated
 to the actual number of days worked. Professional Employee’s
 contract. To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Alexander Rowley.
 This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.

 - E. **Thomas Woodhouse**, part-time School Psychologist, effective August 8,
 2022. Salary – 2022-2023 Teacher’s Salary Schedule when adopted;
 2021-2022 Step 15 Doctorate, \$55,799; districts’ contracts, prorated
 to the actual number of days worked. Professional Employee’s
 contract. To fill vacancy created by the resignation of Wendy Ripley.
 This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.

 - F. **Tina Kerrick**, Special Education Teacher, effective August 8, 2022.
 Salary – 2022-2023 Teacher’s Salary Schedule when adopted;
 2021-2022 Step 1 Bachelor’s, \$51,370; districts’ contracts, prorated
 to the actual number of days worked. Temporary Professional Employee’s
 contract. To fill a new position approved by the board. This employment is
 contingent upon receipt of current clearances.

 - G. **Kreshel Wilson**, Special Education Teacher, effective August 8, 2022.
 Salary – 2022-2023 Teacher’s Salary Schedule when adopted;
 2021-2022 Step 1 Master’s, \$52,500; districts’ contracts, prorated to the
 actual number of days worked. Temporary Professional Employee’s contract.
 To fill vacancy created by the transfer of Taran Carlisle. This employment is
 contingent upon receipt of current clearances.
2. The administration recommends the employment of the following personnel:
- A. **Ethan Smith**, Information Technology Specialist, Williamsport Office,
 effective August 3, 2022, Salary - \$55,000; 261 days prorated to the actual
 number of days worked; districts’ contracts. Employment in accord with
 the Board policy on office support. To fill the vacancy created by the
 resignation of Zachary Rowles. This employment is contingent upon
 receipt of current clearances.

- B. Ingrid Spies**, Treatment Team Leader (TTL), North Partial Hospitalization Program, effective August 3, 2022. Salary - \$55,000; funds to support this are available from Medical ACCESS, 261 day employee prorated to the actual number of days worked, Support Staff Handbook, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Amy Evans. This employment is contingent upon receipt of current clearances.

7B. Personnel, Extension of Work Year.

1. Corrie Roadarmel – Developmental Teacher

Due to a request, the administration recommends that the Board approve an extension of work year for Ms. Corrie Roadarmel up to an additional six (6) days at her 2022 - 2023 per diem rate.

8. Items Requiring Routine Formal Action by the Board.

A. Resolution Regarding Reorganization of Administration and Adjustment of Wages.

The administration recommends that the Board approve the Resolution Regarding Reorganization of Administration and Adjustment of Wages. Attached as Pages 2643-1 through 2643-5.

The motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.

11. Other Issues Raised by the Board and/or Staff.

Dr. Steinbacher-Reed thanked Dr. Martell for her service to BLaST IU 17.

Since there was no more business, Ms. Agnew moved and Ms. Bachman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara McNett
Board Secretary