



Monday, December 16, 2024
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES

1. Opening Activities

A. Welcoming Remarks

B. Call to Order at 7:00 pm

C. Stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Calling Roll of Officers

Members Present: L. Baker, R. Learn

Members Virtual: J. Bish, L. Bretz, L. Burks, G. Daugherty, C. Ernst, M. Grimes, T. Kerek, R. Miller, J. Sasala

Members Absent: S. Guisto, A. Kemick, K. Mackensky

Others Present: B. Benson, M. Shields, K. DeGolier, J. Anderson, K. Compton, J. Young

E. Public Comments

Comments will be limited to two minutes per person.

F. Executive Session

An executive session was held at 6:30 pm. As defined by Act 84, appropriate areas of discussion are matters of personnel and employment, collective bargaining, real estate, litigation and other matters, which if conducted in public would violate privilege.

G. October 21, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2024, Regular Board meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Maj. Kerek. Motion carried. (Unanimous)

File Attachments

2410Minutes (3).pdf (314 KB)

2. Board Internal Business

Recommended Action: Motion to nominate Ryan Miller from Johnsonburg Area School District as the representative for their school district on the IU9 Board.

Motion made by Ms. Daugherty, seconded by Maj. Kerek. Motion carried. (Unanimous)

With approval of the IU Board, Mr. Miller will serve by appointment until March 2025. Following this period, his name will be placed on the ballot to complete the unexpired term to June 30, 2026.

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B. Transfer of Entity

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Transfer of Entity from Seneca Highlands IU9 to Cameron County School District including Speech, Learning Support, Life Skills and Emotional Support Services. (This change will impact five full-time professional employees, two full-time temporary employees, and six paraprofessionals (four full-time and two part-time.)

Motion made by Ms. Daugherty, seconded by Mrs. Burks. Motion carried. Yes: Baker, Bish, Burks, Daugherty, Ernst, Grimes, Kerek, Learn, Miller, Sasala No Response: Bretz (It was noted that Mrs. Bretz was attending remotely, and the lack of response may have been due to technical/audio issues.)


Melissa Shields, IU9 Board Secretary



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PDE, School Services Office:

At their meeting on December 16, 2024, the Board of School Directors of Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit Nine approved curtailment of the Special Education program of the Intermediate Unit to reflect the decision of the Cameron County School District to assume responsibility for the operation of their Speech, Learning Support, Life Skills, and Emotional Support programs beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. The curtailment will affect five full-time professional employees and two full-time temporary employees. Enclosed is a portion of the Minutes of the December 16 meeting of the Intermediate Unit Board.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B.R. Benson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brock R. Benson
Executive Director

BRB/ms
Enclosure

cc: Julia Anderson, Director of Special Education
Ronna Rebo, Superintendent, Cameron County School District
Julia Herzing, IU 9 Solicitor
Dawna Vanderpool, PSEA UniServ Representative