

VGHS Governing Council Regular Meeting Minutes November 21, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm. The meeting took place in person and via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/416203345> Or by telephone: +1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 416203345#

Roll Call: Members present *in person*—Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond joined the meeting by phone at 5:15pm. Absent: Julie Turner and Mark Goldman.

Approval of Revised Agenda: Revise Agenda to include Dwayne Lefthand who has been appointed to the board by Taos Pueblo per the MOU. Motion to approve revised agenda as presented by E. Romero. 2nd by H Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, and Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 10/17/22: Motion to approve minutes by E. Romero. 2nd by H. Cordova. Motion to approve minutes as presented by E. Romero. 2nd by H Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Letter from Taos Pueblo Governor: President Roth read a letter from Taos Pueblo Governor, Clyde Romero appointing Dwayne Lefthand to the VGHS board as per our MOU. Motion to accept Dwayne Lefthand to the VGHS Governing Board by E. Romero. 2nd by H Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Teacher Report: Sam Starsiak reported on what classes have been working on including the internship program, events with Taos Land Trust, and our outdoor program.

Governing Council Training – Matt Pahl joined via Zoom; Matt gave the board some encouraging words and introduced a draft GB yearly calendar for board training.

Equity Council Report: Ms. St. Onge delivered a brief report on the Equity Council and the board received a paper copy of the Equity Council report in their board packets for individual review. Mr. Lefthand recommended that all reports including the agenda and minutes get uploaded to the Drive for board members to review prior to meetings and the board concurred.

Community Schools Report: Ms. St. Onge delivered a brief report to the board and provided each member a paper copy of the Community Schools Report for individual review.

IEI Report: GB members were provided a paper copy of the IEI report in their board packets for individual review.

Director's Report – Director St. Onge presented her report to the board which included a drop in student enrollment, our chronic absentee rate from PED, and what we are doing for attendance incentives. She informed the board that Def-I will be returning to VGHS this year to provide a poetry writing workshop and a performance that will include our students at the TCA on November 29th. Director, St. Onge also included information on a winter carnival, staff member update, and information that Taos Alive has been delivering to VGHS students.

Financial Report: Financial Update: *Audit is wrapped up for our school, however there is a delay at TMS level. We will update at the next board meeting. PED first quarter reports have been submitted. Membership Reports were submitted last month. Third Quarter Payroll reports all submitted timely. First Quarter RfR's are being processed, some have already been approved. Submission of TCI (Teacher Cost Index Report) report was submitted on Friday. Board members received the financial report and bank statement for the month of October.*

The following BARS were presented for Approval:

BAR 585-000-2223-0008-D is a decrease BAR for FUND 28211 NM COVID TESTING PROGRAM DOH to adjust to the actual amount of the award remaining. Decrease is for \$2,500.00. Total award for FY23 is \$62,430.00.

Motion to approve BAR as presented by E. Romero. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Dwayne Lefthand. Against: None. Motion approved.

Please note: BAR 585-000-2223-0002-IB was disapproved in OBMS - this is our Community Schools Grant that we have not yet received the official award letter. This is a 150,000.00 grant award. Inquiry's have been made to PED for the date when an official award letter will be released. Soon, is the word.

The financial committee met at 4:00 pm prior to the main meeting with Finance Director where their questions were discussed and answered.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented by E. Romero. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Dwayne Lefthand. Against: None. Motion approved.

Contract with Living Design Group – Doug Patterson: School Director, St. Onge reviewed a proposal from Doug Patterson to support us with the lease to purchase process in the form of supporting documents. Ms. St. Onge is asking that the board approve his proposal of the fixed fee of \$27,200 plus NMGR as a sole source since he is the only one that knows so much about this building. Motion was made to direct Ms. St Onge to enter into a contract with Living Design Group by E Romero. 2nd by H Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Dwayne Lefthand. Against: None. Motion approved.

Next Regular Meeting: December 19th, 2022. Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm in person and via Zoom. Finance Committee will meet at 4:00 pm prior to the regular meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by E. Romero. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond, and Dwayne Lefthand. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Approved: Elizabeth Roth Date: 12-19-22