

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at **5:01pm**. The meeting took place in person, via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/7975088493> and by telephone: **+1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 7975088493#**

Roll Call: Members present *in person*—Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Mark Goldman joined the meeting at 5:16pm. *Absent:* None.

Approval of Agenda 9/17/24: Motion to approve agenda as amended by J. Turner. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 8/20/24: Motion to approve minutes by J. Turner. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No Public Comment.

Teacher Report: Angelina Fresquez is our EA and Co-teaches Math. She reported on what each teacher at VGHS is teaching in their classroom. She reported on our Internship Program and how many students are participating. Journalism class is working on a new newspaper, The Vista View. MC3 class is working with Habitat for Humanity on the low income housing down the road.

Financial Report: Financial Update: Bank Statements and Financials were provided to all Governing Council members. We are currently busy with audit and beginning of year tasks. We have an audit call with our auditors in the morning. Beginning of the year payroll went well. We received some money from Community Schools this year through our Operational fund.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented by E. Romero. 2nd by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

BAR Approval: BARS for Approval:

BAR 585-000-2425-0002-IB is an initial BAR for FUND 27516 OUTDOOR LEARNING in the amount of \$37,500.00.

BAR 585-000-2425-0003-I is an increase BAR for FUND 11000 OPERATIONAL in the amount of \$27,908.33. This is an increase in SEG unit value to assist the schools with all the mandates for FY25

Motion to accept BARS as presented by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Finance Audit Committee: Finance audit committee did not meet tonight due to a death in the Finance Director's family. Meeting will be rescheduled for next month.

Director Report: Director Smith reported on our current enrollment and updated the board on our work with Green Schools National Network and TNTP. He updated the board on our new Wellness Wednesday's and how it will be run. Our work based learning program currently has 28 students participating and 15 more students who have expressed interest. Our MC3 cohort has 12 senior students participating in the program and are currently helping Habitat for Humanity work on low income housing. He is working on getting our UNM dual enrollment up and running by looking into STEM U for our Freshmen. We are currently discussing the potential of a UNM welding class here on VGHS campus. Director Smith is encouraging outdoor learning for all students. The attendance committee is meeting weekly to keep up with the attendance policy. We are looking into expanding our student wilderness class to Freshmen so they can be exposed to the outdoors. Land/Stewardship day will be on October 2nd with 3 Crew classes participating and the other 2 Crew classes will be working on the Acequias at Vista Farms. Our CSI application was sent back to us yesterday to modify. Our first site visit from PED for the CSI program will be on October 3rd.

Governing Board member office terms & roles: We have an individual who may be interested in joining our board. Vice President Romero would like to invite this individual to the next meeting to encourage him to join the board. We are still seeking a member from Taos Pueblo to join our board. Board members will review office terms & roles and circle back for the next meeting.

Next Regular Agenda Items: Possible new board member. Review & revisions to GB office & terms. Wayne to get in contact with Kelly Callahan to help revise our policy for GB members & terms. Mr. Cordova invited everyone to his house for San Geronimo Feast Day on September 30th. He would also like us to consider sending announcements to KTAOs to be announced in Tewa.

Next Regular Meeting: October 15, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by E. Romero. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova, Julie Turner, and Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Approve: Eleanor Romero

Date: 10-15-24