

**VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes**  
**November 27, 2023**

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

**Roll Call:** Members present *in person*— Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, *via Phone*—none *via Zoom*-- **Absent:** Dwayne Lefthand & Mark Goldman

**Approval of Agenda 11/27/23:** Motion to approve agenda by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from 10/16/23:** Motion to approve amended minutes by S. Mares-bond. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Teacher Report:** Brandy Corry is our Community Schools Coordinator. She reported on what is going on in each of our classes. She updated the board on all of the great internships that our students are involved in. Ms. Corry invited the board to the Celebration of Learning on December 20<sup>th</sup> at UNM-Taos Klauer Campus from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Progress on changing banks:** Finance Director and Ally from Hillcrest Bank have been busy but not able to complete everything that has to get done. Now that things have slowed down, they will get together soon and get the account set up.

**Report from Finance Director:** The Finance Director provided Bank Statement and Financial Reports for board review. Quarterly reports were submitted for the Third Quarter of the Calendar Year (Payroll reporting 941's, SUTA, WC) and First Quarter of the Fiscal Year (PED Cash Report and Actuals Reporting). Audit is complete. Exit Conference has been held. Audit should be submitted to the State Auditor the week of Thanksgiving. Once the State Auditor reviews and releases the audit, we will share in an open session of the board meeting. The Finance Committee met prior to the meeting at 4:30 pm.

**BAR Approval:** The following BARS are presented for approval:

**BAR 585-000-2324-0005-M** is a maintenance BAR for FUND 27901 Indian Education Act Funding. This is to bring budget into alignment with actual needs of the school.

**BAR 585-000-2324-0006-I** is an increase BAR for FUND 31900 Education Technology Equipment Act in the amount of \$73,836.00.

**BAR 585-000-2324-0007-IB** is an initial BAR for Fund 28210 NM Economic Development Department in the amount of \$40,000.00.

**BAR 585-000-2324-0008-IB** is an initial BAR for Fund 27909 Native American Language and Culture in the amount of \$50,000.00.

**BAR 585-000-2324-0009-IB** is an initial BAR for Fund 27150 Indian Education Act is a redistribution in the amount of \$17,708.78. Motion was made by E. Roth to approve the BARS as presented by the Finance Director. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Finance Report Approval.** Motion was made by E. Roth to accept the finance report that was presented by the Finance Director. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Turner. Against: None. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Panorama Survey – Social Emotional Survey --**Director St. Onge presented the board with our results from this survey.

**Learning Walk –** The director explained to the board what a Learning Walk should look like. The Learning Walk is scheduled for January 18, 2024 at 8:30 am. Director St. Onge and Julie Turner will get together prior to create a schedule for the walk.

**Director Report:** Director, Isabelle St. Onge delivered her report that included our current student enrollment and the upcoming Celebration of Learning. There is nothing new to report about the Governing council seat for Taos Pueblo. Taos Schools have asked for an extension for Patty Matthews records request.

**Governing Council Training – Wayne Sherwood** gave the board some advice in locating a new director. He will be sharing more information with us in the future regarding the hiring of a new school director. He looks forward to seeing some of our board members in ABQ at the PCSNM training this weekend. He was able to give us training and advice throughout the meeting.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:** Report from Eleanor and Julie on PCSNM Training. Tribal Board Member update, TMS response to Patty Matthews letter. RFP for Janitorial Services.

**Next Special Meeting:** December 19, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Board members need to change the date of the December meeting to due to attendance conflicts. Finance Meeting to be held at 4:30 pm. Meeting will be held in person and via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares-Bond, Julie Turner, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Approve: Eleanor Romero

Date: 1-22-24