

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:10pm. 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*—Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman.
Absent: Matt Whitener.

Approval of Agenda 01/20/26: *Motion* to approve the agenda by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 12/16/25: *Motion* to approve minutes by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Staff Report: Nathaniel Evans teaches Algebra I, Biology, and Wildlife Science/Environmental Science at VGHS. He reported what each of our teachers are working on this month. Mr. Evans invited everyone to our Celebration of Learning next Wednesday, January 28th at Bataan Hall from 5pm to 7pm.

Student Report: No student report. Our Student Government President could not be here this evening due to Ski Club participation.

Report from Finance Director: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. In addition to regular work, Quarterly reports are being prepared for the second quarter of the fiscal year (PED Actuals and Cash Reporting) Fourth Quarter of the Calendar year (941, WC, and SUTA) Also, preparing W-2's, 1099's, and ACA's for processing. I will also be submitting our SB-9 Yearly reporting and Insurance Renewal Questionnaire. The Audit was submitted to the State Auditor on 12/15/25 and is still under review.

a. BARS for Approval:

The following BARS are presented for Approval:

BAR 585-000-2526-0015-IB is an initial BAR for FUND 31200 PSCOC Lease Assistance. The amount of the award is \$56,649.00

BAR 585-000-2526-0016-I is an increase BAR for FUND 27107 - GO BOND Library Funding. The amount of the award is \$2,988.00.

The following BARs are from FINAL Cash Position vs. Expected Carryover when we originally budgeted the funds.

BAR 585-000-2526-0017-I is an increase BAR for FUND 11000 - Operational. The amount of the increase is \$100,854.57.

BAR 585-000-2526-0018-D is a decrease BAR for FUND 23000- Activity Funding. The amount of the decrease is \$125.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0019-D is a decrease BAR for FUND 21000 - Food Services. The amount of the decrease is \$10,385.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0020-I is an increase BAR for FUND 21100 - State Funded Universal free lunch. The amount of the increase is \$1,697.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0021-I is an increase BAR for FUND 25153 - Medicaid. The amount of the increase is \$436.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0022-I is an increase BAR for FUND 26113 - LANL Foundation. The amount of the increase is \$1,000.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0023-I is an increase BAR for FUND 26244 - Charter Foundation. The amount of the increase is \$4,000.00

BAR 585-000-2526-0024-I is an increase BAR for FUND 27109 - Instructional Materials. The amount of the increase is \$1,477.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0025-I is an increase BAR for FUND 28210 NM Econ Dev Dept. The amount of the increase is \$5,112.00.

BAR 585-000-2526-0026-D is a decrease BAR for FUND 31100 Capital Outlay. The amount of the decrease is \$52,434.00.

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

b. Finance Report Acceptance: *Motion* to accept the unaudited financial reports as presented by the Finance Director by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by H Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

c. Finance Committee Meeting: Finance Committee met tonight at 4:30 with our Finance Director. Committee members had questions on some of the expenditures and those questions were answered by our Finance Director.

Director Report: Director Smith reported to the board on the following subjects:

a. Charter Goals Progress Update

4 PBL; CLR; Digital Portfolio; Crew

b. Academic Achievement focus:

i. NWEA Middle of the Year Testing Data 9th-11th grade, Update

ii. Intervention Update for English, Language Arts, and Math

c. Navigate (Priority Schools Bureau) Convening

i. Middle of the Year School Improvement Team Visit upcoming.

- d. Other Updates:** 1st Semester UNM Taos Dual Enrollment results, starting SAT & PSAT focus in 2nd Semester, Current Enrollment, 9th grade Rivers & Birds project, current WBL Internships, Dual Enrollment for 2nd Semester, & Staff Shoutouts.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: None.

Next Regular Meeting: February 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Approve: Julianne Turner Date: Feb. 17, 2026