

**VGHS Governing Council Meeting AMENDED Minutes**  
**October 16, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at **5:05 pm**. The meeting took place via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/416203345> and by telephone: **+1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 416203345#**

**Roll Call:** Members present *via Zoom*— Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner *via Phone*—Mark Goldman

**Absent:** Shona Mares-Bond, Harold Cordova, & Dwayne Lefthand.

**Approval of Agenda 10/16/23:** Motion to approve agenda by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, & Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from 9/18/23:** Motion to approve minutes as presented by J. Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, & Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Teacher Report:** Heather McReynolds is our Science teacher and has just received her Level III License. She reported about all of the great things happening at VGHS including internships, our VGHS farm, SAT prep, and PSAT's. Our entrepreneur class is working on marketing our school in hopes of increasing our enrollment. Our Wilderness class is planning another camping trip next week. Lion's Club came to check students eyes and will be given free glasses if needed. We had an eclipse viewing party at VGHS on Saturday that was well attended.

**Progress on changing banks:** Finance Director and Ally from Hillcrest are working on getting the account set up this week.

**Report from Finance Director:** Financial Update: All system setup for FY2024 has been completed. Preparing for the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year. The audit is under way and should be completed by mid-November. The FY23 Audit is in process. Finance Director is in the process of setting up staffing and encumbering funds for FY24. Membership projections were turned in to PED today. No questions were asked board members.

1. **BAR Approval:** No BARS were presented.

2. **Finance Report Approval.** Motion was made by E. Roth to accept the finance report as presented by the Finance Director. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Against: None. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, & Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Director Report:** Director, Isabelle St. Onge delivered her report that included student enrollment, our school marketing plan, and the mental health of students in the school. We are in need of substitute teachers to help cover teacher absences.

**Governing Council Training – Wayne Sherwood** joined tonight's meeting and introduced himself to the board. He will be meeting with us six times this year to help board members meet their yearly required GB training. He will be involved in the search for a new director for VGHS. He informed us that ACES helps Charter Schools advertise statewide for jobs. Ms. St. Onge asked him to help us create a director evaluation tool as well.

**Update on Tribal Board Member:** President Roth spoke with Dwayne Lefthand again, she emphasized how important it was for us to find a new Tribal Board Member. She has not heard anything back from him yet. We do not want to be in violation of our MOU with Taos Pueblo, the board is questioning whether we should go directly to the Taos Pueblo governor instead. Director St. Onge will speak with Bettina Sandoval regarding this issue.

**TMS Building Purchase Letter:** Director St. Onge started a letter to the TMS board but was not exactly sure what to put in the letter because a letter was already sent to them by our lawyer, Patty Matthews. She shared a copy of the letter Ms. Matthews wrote to the TMS Superintendent regarding "ready access doors" that were placed in all TMS school buildings except our building that we lease from TMS.

**Executive Session: In accordance with the NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H)2; Limited Personnel Matter.** Motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:10 pm by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Turner. Rollcall Vote: Elizabeth Roth-Yes, Eleanor Romero- Yes, Julie Turner-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved. No business was discussed or voted on during executive session. Executive session ended at 6:35 pm.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items:** Tribal Board Member update, TMS response to Patty Matthews letter, Panorama Survey Data, and rescheduling the Learning Walk.

**Next Regular Meeting:** November 27, 2023 at 5:00 pm. 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: Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, & Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Approve: Elizabeth Roth

Date: 11-27-23