

VGHS Governing Council Special Meeting Minutes 4/6/21

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:17 pm. The meeting took place in person and via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/416203345> or telephone: +1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 416203345

Roll Call: Members present Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Shona Mares Bond, Harold Cordova. Members present through Zoom—Mark Goldman and Sonya Silva Baca. Absent: None.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by E. Romero. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Shona Mares Bond and Sonya Silva Baca. Against: none. Motion approved.

VGHS Re-charter: State vs. District (Action) – The Director presents a power point outlining how VGHS has progressed through the past 4 years and the requirements of re-chartering. She explains that we are up for re-charter and the Board will need to vote on whether VGHS will remain a district charter or a become a state charter. VGHS will need to present their decision starting on October 21, 2021 but no later than July 21, 2022. The Director invited Dr. Stephanie Owens, who serves on the GB from Roots and Wings, to provide some pros and cons of being a state charter school.

Pros

- Expand grade levels
- Get useful oversight and feedback from the authorizer
- Gain money in the budget
- Develop an MOU with Taos Pueblo to provide greater tribal control of the VGHS program
- Develop a Facilities Master Plan
- VGHS will be in charge of running all grants and will not need approval from District

Cons

- Challenges with school calendar for families with children in other schools
- Transportation would not be provided
- Food service would not be provided
- Building leased from District
- Board member would need to become a Board of Finance

The GB members would like to have a chance to review the information presented and vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 19th.

Motion to vote on VGHS Re-charter: State vs. District on April 19th by E. Roth. 2nd by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Shona Mares Bond and Sonya Silva Baca. Against: none. Motion approved.

Next Regular Meeting: April 19th, 2021 at 5:00pm in person and via Zoom.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by E. Roth. 2nd by E. Romero. Vote to approve Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, Shona Mares Bond and Sonya Silva Baca. Against: none. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____