

VGHS Governing Council Regular Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at **5:02 pm**. The meeting took place **in person** and via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/416203345> Or by telephone: +1-669-900-6833 *Meeting ID 416203345#*

Roll Call: Members present *in person*—Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond (via Zoom) Absent: Mark Goldman and Harold Cordova.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as presented by E. Romero. 2nd by J Turner. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 08/15/22: Motion to approve minutes by E. Roth. 2nd by J. Turner. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Julie Turner, and Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Teacher Report: Aimee Lynn Stearns reported all of the wonderful things that are happening at VGHS including our new Culinary Arts, our Tiwa Class, etc.

Lease to Purchase Current Facility-discussion: Director St. Onge brought up the discussion to expand or purchase our current school facility. After discussion, the board gave Ms. St. Onge direction to begin researching the expansion of our current facility and/or a new building.

National Search for New School Director: Ms. St. Onge would like to retire in July 2023 but is unsure if she is financially able to do so. She would like the board to go ahead and start the search just in case she is able to retire based on information she receives from NMERB. The board would like to look far and wide so they will be brainstorming ideas for the search. The board would love an official decision from the director at the December meeting.

Director's Report – Our director gave the board a brief report that included the new VGHS Newsletter, current enrollment, and a collaboration we have with RMYC. We have six new staff members that will be introduced to the board at the October meeting. We have an Open House on Sept. 23rd from 5pm to 7pm here at VGHS and a Harvest Dinner on Oct. 6th at Taos Land Trust. The Taos News interviewed staff and students for an article that should be out this week. Ms. St. Onge is still working on a full year calendar for the Governing Council that will list important dates.

Financial Report: (action needed): The RFP for Meal Service was awarded to our only applicant, the Farmhouse Café. Year-end reports have been approved by PED. The Entrance Audit Conference was held on September 7th. Vista Grande High School is a part of the Taos Municipal School Audit for FY22. Auditor plans to work with Vista Grande the end of October. Audit will be finalized a little before Thanksgiving and most likely released in the Spring.

- a. The following BAR is presented for your approval:

BAR 585-000-2223-0005-IB is an initial BAR for FUND 27515 in the amount of \$30,100.00. The Grant is a Start Up Funding for Outdoor Learning.

Motion to approve the BAR as presented by E. Roth. 2nd by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

- b. Financial Report Approval: Report is tabled until next meeting.

Next Regular Meeting: October 17th, 2022. Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm in person and via Zoom.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by E. Roth. 2nd by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____