

**VGHS Governing Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**February 27, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at **5:01 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, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner.  
Absent: Dwayne Lefthand & Shona Mares Bond.

**Approval of Agenda 2/27/23:** Motion to approve agenda removing Matt Pahl from the agenda by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman.  
Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from 1/23/23:** Motion to approve minutes as presented by E. Romero. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Teacher Report:** Ms. Corbett Wicks runs our Farm and Internship Program. She reported on what many of our classes are doing this semester. She reported that starter plants are currently going in the ground at our farm and our internship programs are up and running.

**Governing Council Training – Matt Pahl was unable to join our meeting tonight.**

**Council Reports: Community Schools, Equity Council, and IEI Reports:** Ms. St. Onge informed the board that the Equity Council and IEI reports are combined. Director, St. Onge briefed the board on each of the reports and they also received a paper copy for individual review.

**Review of Governing Council Bylaws:** Governing council member term limits – Page 4, Article VII, Item #2: “There is no limit on the length of a member’s tenure on the School Council.” There is also a typo on Page 3, bullets 3 & 4- regarding dollar amounts. Member, Goldman recommended that we table this issue until next meeting to allow for further research.

**Discussion and Approval of School Attorney Letters:** Patty Matthews did not have our letter ready by tonight’s meeting. We may have to have a special meeting for board to review and sign. Director St. Onge recommended that we have a Zoom meeting when the letter is ready so we can ask questions then vote whether to approve the letter.

**Director’s Report –** Director St. Onge reported on our current enrollment. She informed the board that our student government has been unsuccessful in reaching Representative Herrera and Senator Gonzales to arrange a visit to the roundhouse. Our prom committee is busy fundraising for this year’s prom. She reported on a future trip to Chaco Canyon, Spring Break dates, and this year’s lack of funding. Our director will be presenting the building purchase proposal to TMS Board on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She reviewed the new plan & drawing from Doug Patterson which included an additional 5+ acres. She is currently working on completing the school director duties and job description along with a rehire plan for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade academy. The board needs to begin working on the director evaluation for this year. She is asking for a board member to serve on the 2023-24 school year calendar committee which will be March 9<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 4pm. Harold Cordova volunteered to attend. On May 15<sup>th</sup> the charter school division will be visiting the school and board members should be available that day.

**Report from Finance Committee:** Committee met with the Finance Director at 4:30pm to discuss the financial report and have all of their questions answered.

**Report from Finance Director:** Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided for the month of January to all Governing Council members. Calendar year end W-2’s and 1099’s were processed and submitted to employees and uploaded to proper systems to meet deadlines. Fourth-quarter payroll reports were submitted in a timely manner 941, SUTA, WC) and second quarter PED Actuals and Cash report were also submitted in a timely manner.

Motion was made to accept the Finance Director Report by E Romero 2<sup>nd</sup> by H Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

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

**BAR 585-000-2223-0010-I** is an increase BAR for FUND 11000 Operational for the final adjustment to Unit Value and 40 Day Counts. The amount of increase is \$17,924.04.

**BAR 585-000-2223-0011-I** is an initial BAR for FUND 26113 LANL Foundation to budget award of \$25,000.00 received for Growing Native Teachers and Counselors Project.

Motion was made to approve the BARS as presented by E Roth 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items: Review Governing Council Term Limits -** Article VIII Bylaws-Officers of the Council, Page 6 of 13.

**Next Regular Meeting:** March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Meeting will be held at 5:00 pm in person and via Zoom. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30 pm prior to the regular meeting. Special Meeting 3/7/23 to approve letters & 3/9/23 Calendar Committee, both via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by E. Roth. 2<sup>nd</sup> by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, and Julie Turner. Against: None. Motion approved. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

*Elizabeth Roth*

Date: 3-2023