

**VGHS Governing Council Regular Meeting Minutes
December 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, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, and Shona Mares-Bond joined the meeting at 5:03pm. Absent: Julie Turner and Dwayne Lefthand.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as presented by E. Romero. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 11/21/22: Motion to approve minutes as presented by M. Goldman. 2nd by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Teacher Report: Ms. Heather McReynolds delivered the teacher report to the board. She reported on what classes are working on including temporary coverage for our math classes. We have a new cosmetology workshop, new internships, and a ski workshop during our Friday program. Ms. McReynolds informed the board that she will be gone on maternity leave for 10 weeks starting in January and informed them who will be covering her classes.

Governing Council Training – Matt Pahl joined our meeting at 5:32 via Zoom. He will be sending every board member a spreadsheet that he’s created to help with scheduling. Board should create a job description and evaluation for the director.

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

Discussion and Possible Action on Current Facility Purchase Options: Ms. St. Onge briefed the board on a meeting she had at Taos Schools with the superintendent and school board president regarding the lease to purchase. TMS board president recommended a government to government transfer purchase of \$1. Lease assistance may go away with this option and Matt Pahl stated that it limits our flexibility but advised us to speak with Patty Matthews. Our finance director has an appointment with Patty Matthews in January to discuss these issues. We will revisit this in the future.

Discussion and Possible Action on Capital Outlay Requests for the 2023 Legislative Session: Our director informed the board that the capital outlay request is due. After much discussion, Matt Pahl recommended we invite representatives Gonzales and Ortez to visit our portable and give us some options. Recommendation from board secretary was to send the representatives a video made by and that involve VGHS students.

Motion to direct Ms. St. Onge to apply for Capital Outlay by E. Roth. 2nd by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Discussion and Possible Action on creation of a 6th grade Academy: Our director recommended to the board that we start with a 6th grade next year and wait to open a 7th and 8th grade. The board discussed the option and all concurred.

Motion to start a 6th grade academy next year by E. Romero. 2nd by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Director’s Report – Director St. Onge presented her report to the board which included a couple of new hires, upcoming holiday vacation, and additional after school clubs. VGHS is holding a Winter Carnival aka Celebration of Learning on January 19, 2023.

Report from finance Committee: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements are included for the month of November to all Governing Council members. TCI (Teacher Cost Index Report) was submitted. Our Audit has been completed but we have not been notified of an exit conference or needs for anything further. Currently preparing for year end, W-2 processing, and 1099 Processing. The following BAR is presented for Approval:

BAR 585-000-2223-0009-IB is an initial BAR for FUND 27127 Community Schools Grant in the amount of \$150,000. This was originally seen and approved by the board in August. It was disapproved by PED as they had not sent the original award letter. We now have the official letter and can resubmit.

Motion to approve BAR as presented by E. Roth. 2nd by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

The financial committee met at 4:30 pm prior to the main meeting with Finance Director where their questions were discussed and answered. Recommendation for a budget council meeting in February 2023 was made.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented by E. Roth. 2nd by E. Romero. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Next Regular Meeting: January 23rd, 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.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by E. Romero. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Elizabeth Roth, Eleanor Romero, Mark Goldman, Harold Cordova, Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____