

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:06pm. The meeting took place in person, via Zoom platform:

<https://zoom.us/j/7975088493> and by telephone: +1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 7975088493#

Roll Call: Members present *in person*—Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, and Colleen Shaughnessy.

Absent: Mark Goldman and Harold Cordova.

Approval of Agenda 06/16/26: *Motion* to approve the agenda by M. Whitener. 2nd by S Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 05/19/26: *Motion* to approve minutes by M. Whitener. 2nd by C. Shaughnessy. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Staff Report: No Staff Report due to summer break.

Student Report: No student report due to summer break.

Report from Finance Director: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to the Governing Board. In addition to regular work we are busy closing out FY26 and opening FY27. FY26 audit has begun.

- a. BARS for Approval: None.
Ratification BARS will be presented at the July meeting.
- b. **Finance Report Acceptance:** *Motion* to accept the unaudited financial reports as presented by the Finance Director by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by C. Shaughnessy. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.
- c. **Finance Committee Meeting:** Finance Committee met prior to the meeting and discussed several of the expenditures within the budget.

Executive Session: a. NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 (H)(8), meetings for the discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body:

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:12pm by C. Shaughnessy. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond.

Rollcall Vote: Julie Turner-Yes, Shona Mares-Bond-Yes, Matthew Whitener-Yes, Colleen Shaughnessy-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved.

Motion to exit out of Executive Session by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

Executive Session was exited at 5:33 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

Open Meetings Act Resolution for SY 26-27 (Action): Director Smith read the Open Meetings Act Resolution for School Year 2026–2027 to the Board. *Motion* to approve the Open Meetings Act Resolution for SY 26-27 by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

Award of Financial Services RFP - Approval (Action): *Motion* to approve the Award of Financial Services RFP to Mooney Consulting by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

Director Report: Director Smith reported to the board on the following subjects:

- a. **Charter Goals Progress Update**
4 PBL; CLR; Digital Portfolio; Crew
- b. **Academic Achievement focus:**
 - i. **NWEA End of the Year Testing 9th-11th grade**
 1. Focus on data analysis and strengthening our instruction and schoolwide approach
 - ii. **Student Grades Update (Semester 2)**
 1. Analyze Data
 2. Speak to growth with expectations of students and academics
- c. **Update on Recruitment**
 - i. TK1 Videos (VGHS website and Social Media)
- d. **Other updates from School:**
 - i. **Recap of Events:**
 1. Passages on Thursday, May 21st
 2. Celebration of Learning on Wednesday, May 27th
 3. Graduation on Friday, May 29th
 4. VGHS 4 PBL Project on June 3rd & 4th
 - ii. **Charter Renewal Update**

Next Meeting Agenda Items: Governing Board Self-evaluation. Copy of GB monthly duties

Next Regular Meeting: July 21, 2026 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by M. Whitener. 2nd by C. Shaughnessy. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matthew Whitener, and Colleen Shaughnessy. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Approve: _____

Julie Turner

Date: _____

July 21, 2026