

VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at **5:11pm**. 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, Matt Whitener, Harold Cordova, and Mark Goldman joined via Zoom. *Absent:* None. Susan Lumley from PCSNM, joined the meeting via Zoom.

Approval of Agenda 12/16/25: *Motion* to approve the agenda by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matt Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from 10/21/25: *Motion* to approve minutes by M. Whitener. 2nd by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matt Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from 12/02/25: *Motion* to approve minutes by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matt Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Teacher Report: Erick Struck is our school Social Worker here at VGHS. He reported what each of our teachers are working on this month. Our Agriculture Classes will be hosting a Winter Farmer's Market on 12/17/25 from 2:10pm to 3:15pm here at VGHS. Mr. Struck reported that our overall attendance has improved tremendously for the last few weeks.

Student Report: No student report.

Report from Finance Director: Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. Audit has been completed and the exit conference took place on December 3, 2025. There was an extension on audit due to a supplement that they needed from the Feds. The auditors are planning to submit next week. Once the audit has been released by the State Auditor we will discuss the results in an open session. Currently, preparing for calendar year end W-2 and 1099 Processing.

a. BARS for Approval:

The following BARS are presented for Approval:

585-000-2526-0011-I is an increase BAR for Fund 11000 to budget carryover from prior year. Amount of the BAR is \$100,853.30.

585-000-2526-0012-IB is an initial BAR for Fund 26107 REC/District Fiscal Agent in the amount of \$10,000. This BAR is an award from the PEC to assist with Attendance and Retention and Outdoor Learning.

585-000-2526-0013-IB is an initial BAR for FUND 27109 Instructional Materials in the amount of \$1,476.57. We have submitted a BAR prior, but it was disapproved as we needed another item that is now available.

585-000-2526-0014-IB is an initial BAR for FUND 29102 Private Direct Grant in the amount of \$3,500.00. This is an award from Whole Foods to assist with an edible educational garden project.

585-000-2526-0015-IB is an initial BAR for FUND 31200 Public School Outlay in the amount of \$56,649.00. This is an award for our Lease Assistance.

585-000-2526-0016-I is an increase BAR for FUND 27107 GOB Library Funds in the amount of \$2,988.00. This is a 2024 Legislative Appropriation.

Motion to approve the BARS as presented by M. Whitener. 2nd by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matt Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

b. Finance Report Acceptance: *Motion* to accept the unaudited financial reports as presented by the Finance Director by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by H Cordova. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matt Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

c. Finance Committee Meeting: Finance Committee met tonight at 4:30 with our Finance Director. Committee member, Mares-Bond, had questions on some of the expenditures and those questions were answered by our Finance Director.

Revised School Calendar Approval: Due to a recent two-hour delay, NMPED has informed us that our calendar is now short by two instructional hours. To address this, we will revise the calendar so that any future two-hour delays and/or snow days will be designated as remote learning days.

Motion to approve the revised school calendar by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matt Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. 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:

1. Review of NWEA Beginning of the Year Testing Data

2. Intervention Focus

c. RISE Cohort 6 Leadership Convening Recap

d. Other Updates: FIT program for Freshmen, WBL Internships, UNM Dual Enrollment, & VGHS Enrollment.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: None

Next Regular Meeting: January 20, 2025 at 5:00 pm. Finance Committee will meet at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by S. Mares-Bond. 2nd by M. Whitener. Vote to approve: Julie Turner, Shona Mares-Bond, Matt Whitener, Mark Goldman, and Harold Cordova. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Approve: _____

Julianne Turner

Date: _____

Jan 20, 2026