

**VGHS Governing Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 22, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm. The meeting took place in person, via Zoom platform: <https://zoom.us/j/416203345> and by telephone: +1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID 416203345#

**Roll Call:** Members present *in person*—Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman. Shona Mares-Bond joined the meeting at 5:05pm *Absent:* Dwayne Lefthand:

**Approval of Agenda 1/22/24:** Motion to approve agenda by M. Goldman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Turner Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes from 11/27/23:** Motion to approve amended minutes by J. Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Goldman. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Teacher Report:** William Turner is our PE, Health, Entrepreneur, US History, & Economics teacher. He reported on what is going on in each of our classes.

**Progress on changing banks:** Finance Director and Ally from Hillcrest Bank should be close to completing the account this week. Our Finance Director is working with NMPED and others to get this change done but it may take 2 or more months to complete.

**Report from Finance Director:** Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council Members. In addition to regular work, Quarterly reports are being prepared for the second quarter of the fiscal year (PED Actuals and Cash Reporting). Fourth Quarter of the calendar year (941, WC, and SUTA) Also, Preparing W-2, 1099, and ACA for Processing. Also working on SB-9 yearly reporting and Insurance Renewal. The Finance Committee met prior to the meeting at 4:30 pm. The following BARS are presented for approval:

**BAR 585-000-2324-0005-M** is a maintenance BAR for FUND 27901 Indian Education Act Funding. This is to bring budget into alignment with actual needs of the school.

Motion was made by M. Goldman to approve the BAR as presented by the Finance Director. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, and Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Finance Report Approval.** Motion was made by S. Mares Bond to accept the finance report that was presented by the Finance Director. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Against: None. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, and Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

**Director Report:** Director, Isabelle St. Onge delivered her report that included our current student enrollment and our new outdoor education leader. NMPED has updated the graduation requirements. VGHS T-shirts are for sale thanks to our Student Council and their sponsor. We are still seeking teachers and students for Middle school. She updated the board on the new applicants for the director position. Ms. St. Onge discussed with the board the response from TMS to Patty Matthews regarding her records request. The Learning Walk will take place tomorrow at 8:30am.

**Report from Eleanor & Julie on PCSNM:** – They both felt like the training was very beneficial. They updated the board on what they learned.

**Tribal Board Member Update:** Both Vice President Romero and Director, St. Onge spoke with Mr. Lefthand at different times about the tribal member seat and he stated that he would send us a letter listing a parent who would like to join the board as the tribal board member. As of tonight's meeting, nothing has been received.

**RFP for Janitorial:** We had 2 applicants and the RFP was awarded to Jaramillo Cleaning Service.

**Governing Council Training – Wayne Sherwood:** confirmed that the Open Meetings Act had been signed, gave advice on lottery information, and made sure we had our Strategic Plan on the website.

**Executive Session: Personnel Matter:** Motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:12 pm by M. Goldman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by H. Cordova. Rollcall Vote: Eleanor Romero-Yes, Shona Mares-Bond-Yes, Harold Cordova-Yes, Julie Turner-Yes, Mark Goldman-Yes. Against: None. Motion approved.

Executive Session was exited at 6:27 pm. No business was discussed or voted on during Executive Session.

**Next Regular Agenda Items:** Tribal member, New bank, Hiring committee for Director, Report on GB President, Learning Walk

**Next Regular Meeting:** February 26, 2024

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by J. Turner. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Mares-Bond. Vote to approve: Eleanor Romero, Julie Turner, Harold Cordova, Mark Goldman, and Shona Mares-Bond. Against: None. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Approve: Eleanor Romero

Date: 3-18-24