

North Valley Academy
Governing Council Agenda – Regular Meeting
7939 4th Street NW, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87114
January 23, 2025, at 4:30 PM

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A. OPENING BUSINESS

1). Call to Order - Victor Marthe calls the meeting to order at 4:32 pm

2). **Roll Call:**

Name	Title	Present	Absent
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x	
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x	
Ellen Argyres	Member		x
William Duran	Council Chair		x
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x	
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	x	

Other attendees: Julie Geldmacher – Principal; Tammy, Kimberly Gonzales, Dan Hill - DMH Law LLC/Legal Counsel. Sam Gonzales - DMH Law LLC/Legal Counsel.

Victor Marthe, vice-chair, announced that a quorum was present.

3). Vice-chair, Victor Marthe, initiated the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Council member, Thomas Walmsly, motioned to approve the 1/23/25 agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by council member, Crystal Sanchez:

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	N/A		
William Duran	Council Chair	N/A		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	x		

5. Council member, Thom Walmsley, made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/5/24 meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary, Jackie Kinnunen.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	N/A		
William Duran	Council Chair	N/A		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	x		

B. ACTION ITEMS

1. Bank Reconciliations:

Kimberly Gonzales presented bank reconciliations from December. There was a surplus in revenue and ended with a strong cash balance for December. Council member, Thom Walmsley, made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Council member, Crystal Sanchez, seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	N/A		
William Duran	Council Chair	N/A		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	x		

2. Budget Adjustment Requests

Kimberly Gonzales presented on outstanding balances, Income Statement and Current Forecast, and Cash Flow Forecast. No BARS needed to be approved at this time.

3. Axiom Policies:

Julie Geldmacher discussed axiom policies, including payment threshold procedures and policies. Council member, Thomas Walmsley, made a motion to approve the Axiom Financial Policies and Procedures. Secretary, Jackie Kinnunen, seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	N/A		
William Duran	Council Chair	N/A		

Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	x		

4. Policies & Procedures for the Provision of Special Education Services

Julie Geldmacher discussed the policies and procedures for the provision of Special Education Services. These are required for the school to receive the disbursement for Idea B funds. Council member, Thomas Walmsley, made a motion to approve the policies and procedures for the provision of Special Education Services. Council member, Crystal Argyres, seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		
Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	N/A		
William Duran	Council Chair	N/A		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	x		

5. Governing Council By-Laws of North Valley Academy

Julie Geldmacher discussed the governing council by-laws. The only change made was in section 3.3 which allows council members to serve multiple 2-year terms without limitation. PED will need to be notified of the by-law notification. Council member, Thomas Walmsley, made a motion to amend section 3.3 of the by-laws to the following language “the term for members shall be for a period of 2 years. Members may serve consecutive terms without limitation.” Victor Marthe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Name	Title	Yay	Nay	Abstain
Victor Marthe	Vice-Chair	x		

Crystal Sanchez	Member	x		
Ellen Argyres	Member	N/A		
William Duran	Council Chair	N/A		
Jackie Kinnunen	Secretary	x		
Thomas Walmsley Jr.	Member	x		

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Head Administrator Report:

Julie Geldmacher shared that NVA had a great food audit. The school also had a Pre-K site visit that went well. Pre-K grant needs to be renewed - work has begun on this. This Saturday the school will participate in the School Choice fair to promote and represent the school.

NVA received its annual report. The school showed growth in the report from the 2022-2023 report. The school is labeled as a “traditional school.” The overall academic score also showed improvement. One area that the school can improve on is the number of students that return each year, student retention.

Geldmacher shared that the two mentors have been helpful in her growth as an administrator. Geldmacher shared results from self-assessment and her goals as the school’s leader.

1. Create a student-centered environment and strengthen relationships with all stakeholders.
 - a. Establish a parent advisory group and create an instructional leadership team
2. Communicate with all school and community stakeholders concerning current school issues and student achievement
 - a. Review student data and survey stakeholders

The lottery is open for next school year.

3. Governing Council Training

The Governing Council Retreat will happen late March to early April. Dates will be approved once the legislative session ends.

4. Questions: Is there a policy or procedure in place for keeping undocumented students and families safe?

Dan Hill discussed the legal requirement for schools to serve students residing within their

boundaries. Immigration status is not collected upon enrollment. Educational records are protected by FERPA. Schools are no longer off limits to ICE or immigration officers. NVA has a school campus, so they cannot enter without a warrant. A policy will be discussed at the next board meeting.

D. CLOSING BUSINESS

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Thomas Walmsley suggested that we add any pending bills to discuss from the state's legislative session. Kimberly is watching the session carefully for the capital outlay appropriations. Dan and Sam, legal counsels, will give updates at the next meeting.

2. Next Meeting – February 27, 2025 at 4:30 pm

3. Victor Marthe adjourned the meeting at 5:17 pm

The Council may take any agenda item out of order, to facilitate business-at-hand.

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