# RIO GALLINAS SCHOOL
# GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING
# Wednesday, January 14, 2026
# APPROVED MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Sanchez.

Present: Jude Romero, James Esquibel, and Raymond Sanchez. Gabriella Martinez and Richard Vigil attended via Zoom. Quorum Present. Also in attendance, Director Aja Currey. Guests included Janel Williams-Salazar and Katherine Lucero.

**Pledge:** Led by Raymond Sanchez.

**Proof of Notice:** Posted on the school webpage and office door.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Jude Romero, 2nd by James Esquibel. Motion carried.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: December 22, 2025:** Motion by James Esquibel, 2nd by Gabrielle Martinez. Motion carried.

**Discussion:**

1. Staffing updates: A teacher and educational substitute recently resigned. Currently have a long-term sub for the 2nd/3rd grade class, who was the schools Special Education Assistant. The Community Schools coordinator also resigned to homeschool her kids as of last week. EA gave two weeks notice today as she is unable to manage schooling and work. Math Coach, Teacher, Educational Assistant, and Community Schools Coordinator positions are still being posted.
2. Budget Analysis update: Business Manager, Tim Nguyen came down from Albuquerque to visit the school. Mr. Nguyen met with staff and reviewed the budget to ensure the school is on track with funding and expenses.
3. Governing Council Calendar: Director Currey will work with council members to begin creating a calendar of timelines. This specific calendar will set deadlines and upcoming events and necessary training and retreats the school is required to meet for the NMPED.

**Action Items:**

1. **Approval of BARS:** Motion by James Esquibel, 2nd by Jude Romero. Motion carried.

BARs

| | BAR # | Fund Description | Reason/Type | Amount |
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| 1 | 068-004-2526-0007-IB | 27107 - 27107 GOB Library | Initial Budget | $3,156.00 |
| 2 | 068-004-2526-0008-I | 31200 - Public School Capital Outlay | Increase | $56,000.00 |

2. **Approval of Check Warrants:** Motion by Jude Romero, 2nd by James Esquibel. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

1. Directors Report: Director Aja Currey briefly touched base on the following items:
    - Reset for first week back -
        - Focus on re-building and sustaining a positive culture
        - Simplifying systems towards better success
        - Whole school crew
        - Building a new scope and sequence for outdoor learning and garden
        - Progress monitoring is going on right now for January
    - Facilities Report
        - WLV has been working on clearing clogged drains
        - Notified again about the heaters in the 2nd/3rd class
        - Facilities update from WLV Board of Finance - buildings maintenance
        - West Las Vegas asked us to vacate our items from a storage unit so they can utilize
    - Growdome - Plans needed to update the growdome, thoughts of removing greenhouse and dumpster at Socorro Street is still being charged
    - Current enrollment at 88 students from 95 in December
    - Current professional development and teacher training
        - Janel Williams-Salazar is at the Special Education Directors Academy
        - Continued grant professional learning for High Quality Instructional Materials
        - Weekly charter leaders support meeting
        - AQUI Attendance cohort acceptance, professional learning, and attendance plan
    - State charter updates and planning committee
        - Staffing necessary
        - Things that will change
        - Set up planning committee
    - Other updates - New Governing Board Family Member and Capital Outlay for a bus

2. **Committee Reports:** N/A

**Public Comments:** No public comments were held.

**Future Business: N/A**

**Announcements:**

1. WLV Finance Committee: Monday, February 10, 2026 @ 3:30 p.m.
2. Rio Gallinas Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 @5:30 p.m.
3. WLV School Board Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Action Items to be included at the next meeting:**

1. Behavior Policy - pending review from attorney for additions/edits

2. Cell Phone Policy - pending review from attorney for additions/edits

**Adjourned: 6:50PM**

**Submitted by:**
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