



# Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

January 14, 2025, In Person / YouTube Live

## Members Present

Cathy June  
Randi Russell  
Zach Young  
Amy Murrell  
Megan Gould  
Lynn Foster  
Ashley Lane  
Chad Huffines  
Ex Officio

## Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken  
Brandi Simmons  
Karen Morris  
Leah Spencer  
Michael Kane  
Michelle Whitfield  
Sarah Nikola  
Rebecca Wilson

### 1. Call to Order

- A. Cathy June called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
- B. Role of the Board: We are entrusted to care for the current school, and stay focused on the vision for the future school. NO TRUST, NO UNITY, NO PROGRESS!
- C. Mission: Clover Garden School will foster community, generate enthusiasm challenge students academically and produce successful citizens.
- D. *Amy Murrell moved to approve the January 14, 2025 agenda.  
Lynn Foster seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*
- E. *Randi Russell moved to accept November 12, 2024 minutes as submitted.  
Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained.*

### 2. Public Comment None

### 3. Finances

- A. *Ashley Lane moved to accept the November 2024 condensed budget. Attached  
Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1 Chair abstained*
- B. *Ashley Lane moved to accept the December 2024 condensed budget. Attached  
Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1 Chair abstained*

### 4. Academics

- A. Ms. Spencer introduced Middle School teachers Sarah Nikola and Rebecca Wilson, who shared how the MS teaching team has unified: a common calendar and standards/expectations across all teachers to better serve students. They expressed that Mr. Kane has been a helpful presence in Middle School.
- B. Spencer Shout outs:
  1. Ms. Jones and parents who treated staff to games and food at Christmas
  2. Ms. Boswell and parents for a fun and successful Santa Store
  3. Congratulations on retirement for Sgt. Chad Laws, Alamance County Dare
  4. Ms. Vereyken and planning group for Nina Miller's retirement celebration
- C. Ms. Whitfield reported that there will be information at the next board meeting comparing beginning- and middle-of-year testing results.
- D. Dr. Morris mentioned Varsity Volleyball community service with Southern Alamance Family Empowerment to stock shelves at their food pantry serving over 300 families.
- E. Homecoming Heroes raised money (\$5K+) for Breast Cancer and ALS.
- F. Spring sports consists of 10 teams between middle and high school.
- F. Michael Kane began by sharing that he enjoys pushing positives. Recently: attendance, honor roll and "kids doing the right thing" recognitions.
- G. Elizabeth Gladden reported that Jr. Civitans, Student Council and Mentors supported Hurricane Helene and homeless with a clothing drive.
- H. Protecting Our Students training is being completed by staff in accordance with HB142, and after school student workers have received CPR certificates.
- I. Please see the CGS online calendar for upcoming events.

## 5. Old Business

- A. The CGS Safety Plan is developing. Staff Protecting Our Students video training is underway: High School training complete, K-8 begins tomorrow.
- B. Charter Renewal 2026 continues Feb 12 with virtual interviews of the board, staff, parents and administration.

## 6. Governance

Chad Huffines reported to the board that the one-year warranty walk-through was December 20. Many of the issues have already been addressed.

## 7. New Business

- A. Ms. Simmons reported that the Final Audit is complete, with no findings and all bank covenants met. Board discussed.  
*Ashley Lane moved to approve the Final Audit 2023-24 as presented.*  
*Zach Young seconded. 6-0-1 Chair abstained*
- B. Ms. Simmons shared food inspection reports for both campuses, with grades 99 and 100%.

## 8. Closed Session

- A. *Amy Murrell moved to go into closed session at 7:10pm according to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1) & (5).*  
*Randi Russell seconded, 6-0-1 Chair abstained.*
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 8:09pm.  
*Amy Murrell moved to approve the employment contracts for:*  
*Heather Vereyken*  
*Brandi Simmons*  
*Alyssa Bellamy*  
*Lynn Foster seconded, 6-0-1, Chair abstained.*

## 9. Adjourn

- A. The next CGS Board of Directors meeting shall be February 11, 2025.
- B. *Amy Murrell moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM.*  
*Zach Young seconded. 5-0-1, Vice Chair abstained, meeting adjourned*

## Attachments:

November 2024 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons  
December 2024 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons  
K-12 Principal's Reports – Spencer/Morris/Kane/Gladden  
Final Audit available for viewing – Brandi Simmons  
Inspection Report K8 Campus – Brandi Simmons  
Inspection Report HS Campus – Brandi Simmons