

# Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

August 12, 2025, In Person and YouTube Live

# Members Present

Chad Huffines Amy Murrell Zach Young Megan Gould Marcy Roney Ashley Young

# Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken Brandi Simmons Karen Morris Leah Spencer Michael Kane Michelle Whitfield Elizabeth Gladden

## 1. Call to Order

- A. Chad Huffines called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 July 15, 2025 agenda as amended to include Code of Conduct revision.

Megan Gould seconded. 5-0-1

- E. Amy Murrell moved to accept July 15, 2025 minutes as submitted. Zach Young seconded. 5-0-1
- 2. Public Comment none
- 3. Special Guest none
- **4. Finances** none
- 5. Academics none

#### 6. Old Business

- A. Safety Plan: Ms. Spencer and Dr. Morris are working to create a Crisis Safety Team at each campus. The Safety Grant has provided additional safety features including: window tint at K8 Campus, training videos, critical response training, vape sensors in bathrooms, upgraded bus radios.
- B. Charter Renewal Updates:
  Educational Focus & Curriculum and the Exclusion amendments have been approved. The Mission Statement update will be reviewed by the Charter Review Board. Approval notifications attached.

#### 7. Governance

Long-Range Committee is still in the design and review stage for the flexible space building on the high school campus.

#### 8. New Business

- A. Ms. Vereyken presented an expanded Wireless Communication Device Policy, to align with recent (July 1, 2025) NC General Statute 115C-76.100. Attached. Megan Gould moved to approve Wireless Communication Device Policy. Zach Young seconded. 5-0-1
- B. A more thorough Internet Safety Policy was shared with the Board, which now includes information about social media and related mental/emotional health. Vector student instruction videos were purchased with the Safety Grant. Amy Murrell moved to approve the revised Internet Safety Policy. Attached Ashley Lane seconded. 5-0-1
- C. The CGS Code of Conduct requires revision to support the new Wireless Communication Policy, adding "student devices may be confiscated at any time, and students may lose the privilege to bring a cell phone or electronic device on campus."

Megan Gould moved to approve the amended Code of Conduct. Zach Young seconded. 5-0-1

### 9. Closed Session

A. Zach Young moved to go into closed session at 6:56 PM according to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1&5).

Megan Gould seconded. 5-0-1

B. The Board came out of closed session at 7:11 PM.

Amy Murrell made a motion to approve the following employment agreements:

Makayla Hall Emily Howell Adelin Brooks Paige McKoy

Megan Gould seconded. 5-0-1

## 10. Adjourn

- A. The next meeting shall be September 9, 2025.
- B. Zach Young moved to adjourn at 7:12 PM.
  Megan Gould seconded. 5-0-1 meeting adjourned.

#### **Attachments:**

Curriculum Amendment Approval Letter – Office of Charter Schools Exclusion Amendment Approval Letter – Office of Charter Schools CGS Wireless Communication Device Policy – Heather Vereyken CGS Internet Safety Policy – Heather Vereyken Code of Conduct, Amended – Heather Vereyken HB 959 Wireless Communication in Public Schools Information – Stella Law