



Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

July 15, 2025, In Person and YouTube Live

Members Present

Chad Huffines
Amy Murrell
Zach Young
Megan Gould
Marcy Roney

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. The community was out of power; the meeting was held using generator power. YouTube audio only.
- 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. Megan Gould seconded. 5-0*
- E. *Zach Young moved to accept June 23, 2025 minutes as submitted. Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0*

2. Public Comment none

3. Special Guest none

4. Finances none

5. Academics none

6. Old Business

- A. Safety Plan: working to create a crisis team at each campus. The Safety Grant will provide additional safety features. CGS is partnering with the Sheriff's office to further prepare faculty, staff and students for emergency.
- B. Charter Renewal Updates on the State Board of Education agenda for August:
 - 1. The updates to Educational Focus and Curriculum adopted last month have been amended to be more specific, upon recommendation from the Office of Charter Schools. Attached.
Amy Murrell moved to accept amendments to Educational focus & Curriculum as presented.
Zach Young seconded. 5-0
 - 2. CGS Elementary K-5 Grading Scale to be added to Student/Parent Handbook
Amy Murrell moved to approve the addition of K-5 Grading Scale. Attached. Megan Gould seconded. 5-0

7. Governance

- A. Governance Committee will begin work reviewing Internal Controls.
- B. Long-Range Committee is still in the design and permitting stage for the flexible space building on the high school campus.

8. New Business

- Ms. Vereyken outlined Employee Handbook changes, updates, additions necessary due to legislative changes. CGS legal counsel Lisa Gordon Stella, Esq. reviewed and supplied a template. Thanks to CGS Admin, the updated version is improved, expanded and customized for Clover Garden. Attached.
Amy Murrell moved to approve the updated Employee Handbook. Megan Gould seconded. 5-0

9. Closed Session

- A. *Megan Gould moved to go into closed session at 6:54 PM according to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(1&5).*

Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0

- B. The Board came out of closed session at 7:12 PM.

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

Tonya Ginter Caitlin McMannen Lisa Wilson Tara Guthrie

Kennedy Ling Deborah Dailey Jan Greeson Donna Scott

Megan Gould seconded. 5-0

10. Adjourn

- A. The next meeting shall be August 12, 2025.

- B. *Zach Young moved to adjourn at 7:12 PM.*

Megan Gould seconded. 5-0 meeting adjourned.

Attachments:

CGS Curriculum Amendment – Heather Vereyken

K-5 Grading Scale – Heather Vereyken

Summary Employee Handbook – Heather Vereyken, Brandi Simmons