



Clover Garden School, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting

September 9, 2025, In Person and YouTube Live

Members Present

Chad Huffines
Amy Murrell
Zach Young
Megan Gould
Marcy Roney
Ashley Lane
Rachel Walston

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 September 9, 2025 agenda*
Zach Young seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained
- E. *Amy Murrell moved to accept August 12, 2025 minutes as submitted.*
Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained

2. Finances none

3. Academics

- A. Principals Reports (see attached)
 - 1. Ms. Spencer recognized Lily Oliver, owner of Balloon Bar and Taylor LeVan for creating a back-to-school photo area. Thanks also to Ms. Jones, as she begins leadership of the Parent Volunteer Committee, which will provide support for staff and parent involvement opportunities.
 - 2. Ms. Whitfield provided an overview of testing, assessments and data.
 - 3. Ms. Gladden shared IXL, an online learning tool CGS acquired last week. This platform supports reading, math, science and Spanish teachers.
 - 4. Dr. Morris reported that CGS now has 6 fall sports teams. Their Senior Night will be October 3. BoosterThon fundraiser was a success for K-8 students! Please review the calendar events attached or online.
 - 5. Mr. Kane informed the Board that grades 6-12 participated in Protecting Our Students, which focuses on recognizing and reporting inappropriate behavior and sexual misconduct. Nurse Corbett provided training for responding to medical events, such as diabetic shock, seizures, allergies ...
- B. NC School Report Card was reviewed by Ms. Vereyken. CGS maintained its C rating, with Grade Level Proficiency score of 56.4, higher than ABSS average.
<https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/?county=Alamance>

4. Old Business

- A. Safety Plan: Lt. Hall has been working with CGS to set up a reunification plan, and a Crisis Safety Team at each campus. The Safety Grant allowed for vaping sensors in bathrooms, additional cameras and system replacement at K-8 campus, and safety training.
- B. Charter Renewal Updates:
The Mission Statement amendment has been approved. Letter attached.

5. Governance

- 1. The Finance Committee met last week.
- 2. The Academic Committee met today. Promising interventions include focus on Standards Mastery, with immediate testing and response.
- 3. Long-Range Planning: The multi-purpose building is in final design phase. The batting cage project awaits permits from Alamance County.
- 4. The 20-Year Committee is outlining plans and seeking volunteers.

6. New Business

- A. Student Parent Handbook Amendments
 - 1. Dress code amendment tabled until after closed session.
 - 2. Athletics would like to strike the sentence making probation automatic, allowing coaches to review case by case. Board discussed. Attached.
Amy Murrell moved to approve the Athletics Behavior amendment.
Rachel Walston seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained
 - 3. An attendance amendment will eliminate retention or course failure based entirely on absences. Attendance can be part of students' grades. Attached.
Megan Gould moves to approve the attendance amendment.
Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained
- B. Schools are required to review and update their Mental Health Plans annually. Ms. Vereyken reviewed those updates, which include new programs Second Step and Panorama among others. Mr. Kane incorporates mental health content weekly. Go Guardian monitors internet. Attached, changes in red.
Megan Gould moved to approve revisions to the Mental Health Plan. Attached
Zach Young seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained
- C. Ms. Vereyken presented updates to CGS SB49/Parents Bill of Rights. Changes include updated links, program names and platforms. Attached
- D. Parents Guide to Student Achievement – PGSA – minor changes include updated clubs, links and contact information. Attached.
Megan Gould moved to approve PGSA updates.
Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained
- E. Mr. Vereyken reported the Parent Survey 24-25 results. There were 193 responses, with safety and teacher investment top positive comments.
- F. The Board was presented and discussed 2026-27 Academic Calendar.
Megan Gould moved to accept the 2026-27 Academic Calendar.
Zach Young seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained

7. Closed Session

- A. *Zach Young moved to go into closed session at 8:35 PM according to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5&9).*
Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 9:37 PM.
Megan Gould made a motion to approve attached dress code amendment.
Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained

8. Adjourn

- A. The next meeting shall be October 14, 2025.
- B. *Zach Young moved to adjourn at 9:38 PM.*
Ashley Lane seconded. 6-0-1 meeting adjourned

Attachments:

K-12 Principals Report – Spencer, Gladden, Whitfield, Kane, Morris
NC School Report Card – Heather Vereyken <https://ncreports.ondemand.sas.com/src/>
Clover Garden Mission Statement Approval – Heather Vereyken
Dress Code Amendment – Heather Vereyken
Athletics Behavior Amendment – Heather Vereyken
Attendance Amendment – Heather Vereyken
CGS Mental Health Plan 2025-2026 – Heather Vereyken
SB49 Annual Review – Heather Vereyken
Clover Garden School PGSA – Heather Vereyken
Parent Survey Results – Heather Vereyken
Academic Calendar 2026-2027 – Heather Vereyken