



# Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

November 18, 2025, In Person and YouTube Live

## Members Present

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

## Other Attendees

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

Darrius Randolph  
Rhonda Clark  
Taylor Paschal  
Ethan Sauners  
Brady Whitt  
Clint Bristow  
Chloe Welch  
Brooklyn Mann  
Hanna Tickle  
Nikole Weed

## 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 November 18, 2025 agenda*  
*Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*
- E. *Amy Murrell moved to accept October 14, 2025 minutes as corrected.*  
*Zach Young seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*

## 2. Public Comment

- A. Vice Chair Amy Murrell read the CGS Statement for Public Comment.
- B. Public comment attached. The Board heard from Rhonda Clark, who introduced Chapter 35 High School Veterans Administration benefit for students.

## 3. Finances

- A. *Zach Young moved to accept the Sept 2025 condensed budget as presented.*  
*Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*
- B. *Amy Murrell moved to accept the Oct 2025 condensed budget as presented.*  
*Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*

## 4. Academics

- A. Principals Report (see attached)
  - 1. Dr. Morris recognized Chloe Welch for her DAR Good Citizen award and Ms. Nall for being a BrightIdeas Grant recipient for a second year.  
Thanks also to participants in CGS clean-up day.
  - 2. Ms. Gladden gave a shout-out to Mr. Wagoner, Mr. Cheek, Coach Dodson and Ms. Nall for creative hands-on and safety-related learning.
  - 3. Ms. Whitfield updated the Board with testing and check-in details, including a successful PreACT for 10<sup>th</sup> graders on November 4.
  - 4. Dr. Morris announced that high school registration meetings will begin in January for students interested in Career and College Promise at ACC.
  - 5. Mr. Kane shared student events, including this week's Spirit Week details. School safety has been a priority, including lockdown and fire drills.
  - 6. Please check the CGS website and social media for upcoming events.

## 5. Old Business

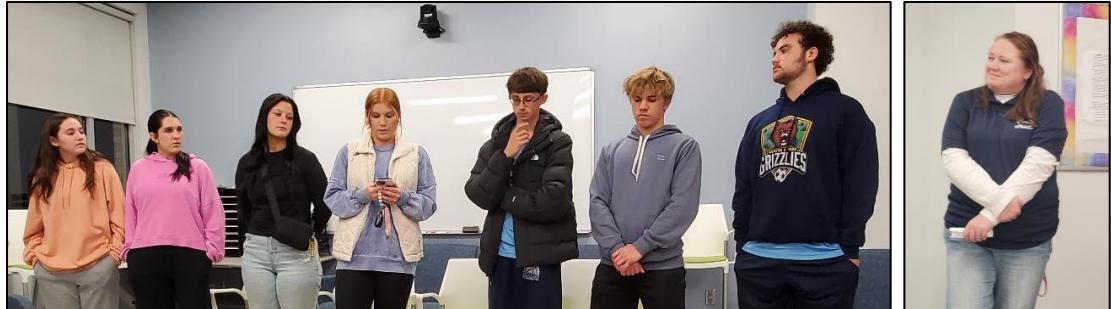
- A. Safety Plan: Visits from officials from the Center for Safer Schools and Safety Teams meetings for each campus were recent events. Ms. Vereyken introduced Deputy Darrius Randolph, CGS school resource officer. Ms. Vereyken, Mr. Whittington and Ms. Paylor attended Small School Safety Summit in Raleigh.
- B. Charter Renewal Updates: All academic, financial and compliance data is submitted and CGS awaits review. Proposal for renewal is expected in January.

## 6. Governance

1. The Finance Committee met today prior to tonight's board meeting.
2. Long-Range Planning: The multi-purpose building is in the bid-gathering stage. Batting Cage permits have been received.
3. 25-Year Committee: Staff and parents are volunteering to help with this anniversary event, which will be the week of April 20-24 on both campuses and culminate with the annual Spring Fling on April 25.

Principal's Report, continued:

### 7. Student Athletes Experiences:



Coach Paschal (right) beamed with pride as she introduced several accomplished athletes and offered fall sports updates on the most successful sports season CGS has ever had. Students shared what athletics has meant to them, and thanked the Board for supporting CGS athletes.

L-R: Nikole Weed, Hanna Tickle, Brooklyn Mann, Chloe Welch, Clint Bristow, Brady Whitt and Ethan Saunders.

## 7. Closed Session

- A. *Zach Young moved to go into closed session at 7:15 PM according to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5).*  
*Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 9:25 PM.
  1. *Amy Murrell moved to approve employment agreements with Ashley Russell and Willow Messer.*  
*Megan Gould seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained.*
  2. *Zach Young moved to accept Final Audit 2024-2025.*  
*Amy Murrell seconded. 6-0-1, Chair abstained*

## 8. Adjourn

- A. The next meeting shall be off campus December 9 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- B. The Board is offered virtual training with attorney Stephanie Klupinski Dec 4.
- B. *Zach Young moved to adjourn at 9:26 PM.*  
*Rachel Walston seconded. 6-0-1, chair abstained, meeting adjourned*

## Attachments:

Condensed Budget September, 2025 – Brandi Simmons

Condensed Budget October, 2025 – Brandi Simmons

Public Comment Policy – Amy Murrell

Public Comment - Rhonda Clark

K-12 Principals Report – Gladden, Whitfield, Kane, Morris

