



Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

October 14, 2025, In Person and YouTube Live

Members Present

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

Other Attendees

Heather Vereyken
Brandi Simmons
Karen Morris
Leah Spencer
Michael Kane
Michelle Whitfield
Elizabeth Gladden
Caitlyn Albright
Chase Albright
Brad Bradford
Laura Bradford
Ashley Bristow
Hailey Chamberlain
Casey Crawford
Kyle Crawford
Shaun Eiker
Christine Frenzel
Lynnesaye Gilley
Donna Howell
Christine Johnson
April Kelly
Ashley Kernodle
John McIntosh
Derek Norris
Justin Patterson
Mandy Patterson
Alice Porterfield
Jacklyn Rippy
Caitlin Ross
Brandon Russell
Kristin Sockwell
Bill Stewart
Rhonda Stewart
Jessica Taylor
Brandon Vincent
Eileen Vincent
Gracie Vincent
Chelsey Yearsley

1. Call to Order

- A. Chad Huffines called the meeting to order at 6:30 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. *Zach Young moved to approve the October 14, 2025 agenda*
Megan Gould seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained
- E. *Rachel Walston moved to accept September 9, 2025 minutes as submitted.*
Zach Young seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained

2. Public Comment

- A. Chad Huffines, Chair read the CGS Statement for Public Comment.
- B. Public comments attached. The Board heard from: Caitlin Albright, Laura Bradford, Mandy Patterson, Justin Patterson, Kyle Crawford, Casey Crawford, Brandon Vincent, Christine Frenzel, John McIntosh, Brad Bradford, Lynnesaye Gilley, Jessica Taylor, Christine Johnson, Donna Howell

3. Finances

- A. *Amy Murrell moved to accept the July 2025 condensed budget as presented.*
Zach Young seconded 5-0-1, Chair abstained
- B. *Amy Murrell moved to accept the August 2025 condensed budget as presented.*
Zach Young seconded 5-0-1, Chair abstained

4. Academics

- A. Principals Report (see attached)
 1. Ms. Spencer recognized Mrs. Redd and volunteers for a successful Book Fair, and Mrs. Jones and the PVC who support CGS staff. Parent volunteers provided snacks for the staff last week.
 2. Ms. Whitfield shared that recent professional development centered around co-teaching.
 3. Mr. Kane informed the Board that students grades 6-12 participated in Say Something Anonymous Reporting System training. Additionally, third grade had a candy shop celebration reward for meeting iReady goals.
 4. Dr. Morris announced a flu clinic for staff and dependents on October 16. Fire drills continue monthly on both campuses.
 5. Ms. Gladden shared upcoming events Trunk or Treat (Oct 17) and Marching Band Competition (Oct 18). See online CGS Calendar for more.

5. Old Business

- A. Safety Plan: Last week the Alamance County Sheriff Dept did some training and drills during a no-school day. Lt. Brad Hall met with CGS staff to train K-12 staff on safety awareness/procedures on September 17's half day. More training to come for Safety Teams at each campus.
- B. Charter Renewal Updates: All academic, financial and compliance data is submitted and CGS awaits review. NCDPI Charter Review Board letter attached. CGS has been recommended for the maximum 10-year renewal.

6. Governance

1. Long-Range Planning: The multi-purpose building is in final drawings phase. The batting cage project awaits permits from Alamance County.
4. The 25-Year Committee has several teachers who want to participate.

7. New Business

- A. See CGS Indicator 11 100% compliance letter for 2024-25 attached.
- B. Student Parent Handbook Amendments
 1. A full day of attendance can be counted after 188 minutes of attendance. Proposed dismissal at 12:00pm and late arrival before 10:30am for full day. *Megan Gould moved to approve the dismissal/late arrival policy.*
Zach Young seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained
 2. Enrollment/Admissions changes proposed shorten the time families have to accept offers. Enrollment shall open Jan 6 and close Feb 6. Offer response and information submission are modified to expedite the enrollment process. The amendment shall include a minimum age for kindergarten enrollment. Board discussed.
Megan Gould moves to approve the enrollment amendment as attached.
Amy Murrell seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained

8. Closed Session

- A. *Amy Murrell moved to go into closed session at 7:58 PM according to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5&6).*
Zach Young seconded. 5-0-1, Chair abstained
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 10:58 PM.

9. Adjourn

- A. The next meeting shall be November 18, 2025.
- B. *Amy Murrell moved to adjourn at 10:59 PM.*
Zach Young seconded. 5-0-1 meeting adjourned

Attachments:

- Condensed Budget July, 2025 – Brandi Simmons
- Condensed Budget August, 2025 – Brandi Simmons
- Public Comment Policy – Chad Huffines
- Public Comments submitted online – Various Parents & Teachers
- K-12 Principals Report – Spencer, Gladden, Whitfield, Kane, Morris
- NCDPI Charter Review Board letter – Heather Vereyken
- Post Secondary Transition Notification – Heather Vereyken
- Parent/Student Handbook: Attendance Half Day Amendment – Heather Vereyken
- Parent/Student Handbook: Enrollment & Attendance Amendment – Heather Vereyken