



Clover Garden School, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

January 20, 2026, In Person and YouTube Live

Members Present

Chad Huffines
Amy Murrell
Zach Young
Marcy Roney
Rachel Walston

Other Attendees

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

1. Call to Order

- A. Chad Huffines called the meeting to order at 6:55 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 January 20, 2025 agenda as revised. Rachel Walston seconded. 4-0-1, Chair abstained*
- E. *Marcy Roney moved to accept November 18, 2025 minutes as submitted. Amy Murrell seconded. 4-0-1, Chair abstained*

2. Finances

- A. *Amy Murrell moved: accept November 2025 condensed budget as presented. Zach Young seconded. 4-0-1, Chair abstained attached*
- B. *Zach Young moved: accept December 2025 condensed budget as presented. Amy Murrell seconded. 4-0-1, Chair abstained attached*

3. Academics

- A. Principals Reports (see attached)
 1. Ms. Spencer recognized the Parent Volunteer Committee (PVC) for their staff appreciation efforts in December: food, fellowship, fun. Thank you! Many thanks for Marissa Walther's phenomenal work as data manager.
 2. Justin Harper, Band Director shared his vision for building the CGS band program by expanding music and band into the younger grades. The K-8 students and Mr. Harper are very excited. Marching Band had a successful season with 3 competitions and great parent involvement.
 3. Ms. Whitfield provided an overview of testing, assessments and data.
 4. Dr. Morris updated the Board for the February 12 Curriculum Night, which will include information about ACC Dual Enrollment.
 5. Ms. Gladden shared that FIVE tons of food were donated to a local food bank through CGS Athletics. Spring sports will be underway in early February.
 6. Mr. Kane reviewed expectations with students as semester 2 began. K-8 welcomes Ms. Hawkins, Middle School support. Additionally, bus drivers participated in CPR training.
- B. Please see the CGS calendar online for additional information.

4. Old Business

- A. Safety Plan: members of CGS staff participated in CPR training and NCCDI (NC Communication and De-escalation Interventions) Training. The partnership between CGS and Alamance County Sheriff's office continues as they use the buildings for ABSS safety training.
- B. Charter Renewal Updates: CGS has earned its 10-Year Renewal.
- C. A Code of Conduct revision requested by Dr. Morris and Ms. Vereyken will be discussed at February's meeting. Board Members shall review this document.

5. Governance

1. Governance: Chad Huffines recognized the diligence and accomplishment of CGS leadership to attain the highest renewal status offered.
2. The Finance Committee met today to review multipurpose building bids.
3. Long-Range Planning met recently to discuss scope, budget, schedules. More information to come.
4. The 25-Year Committee met Friday, January 16. They are excited to team up with PVC and include past and present students & staff.

6. Closed Session

- A. *Zach Young moved to go into closed session at 7:21 PM according to General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5).
Amy Murrell seconded. 4-0-1, Chair abstained*
- B. The Board came out of closed session at 8:44 PM.
*Zach Young made a motion to approve 4 employee agreements:
Courtney Gantos Susanne Hawkins
Kristopher Richmond Rahel Sanders
Amy Murrell seconded. 4-0-1, Chair abstained*

7. Adjourn

- A. The next meeting shall be February 10, 2026.
- B. *Marcy Roney moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM.
Rachel Walston seconded. 6-0-1 meeting adjourned*

Attachments:

November 2025 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons
December 2025 Condensed Budget – Brandi Simmons
K-12 Principals Report – Spencer, Gladden, Whitfield, Kane, Morris