



Williamson Central



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The January 27, 2010 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education began with a presentation outlining the findings of the Regional High School Feasibility Study.

Mr. Phil Martin presented the results of the Regional High School Feasibility Study. The purpose of the study was to look at ways of maximizing educational opportunities for students and the potential savings, management improvements and benefits to the community in developing regional high schools. All eleven school districts in the county participated in the study. Factors examined in the study were enrollment, instructional programs, athletics and extracurricular programs, facilities, regional high school locations, transportation and finances. A survey was conducted as part of the study and priorities of the communities were identified as increasing academic rigor, number of electives in high school, depth of program offerings and specialized programs while controlling costs of operating schools and having schools maintain their local identity. Several options for ways to consolidate services were presented including:

- Wayne County Student Exchange that would allow students to take classes at neighboring schools. Examples might include upper level math and science courses, foreign languages and business classes.
- New Vision Programs that would allow seniors to participate in half day programs through BOCES that allow career exploration in a work environment.
- Thematic High School Programs that would allow students to access specialized programs such as the International Baccalaureate Program and Project Lead the Way in other schools if they are not offered at their home school.
- E-Learning that would offer distance learning or online courses that could be available for students.
- Alliance High School which would be a full day, four year program at BOCES that would be theme-based and emphasizing problem-solving and teamwork.

Mr. Martin also reviewed potential roadblocks to the regional high school opportunities. The next steps will include visiting the remaining communities, reviewing the information with the area Superintendents and submitting the final report to the Boards of Education in March.

Several CSE case summaries were approved and, with the approval of the Consent Agenda, several substitutes were approved along with the probationary appointment of Nina Barber, 1:1 aide, Middle School, appointment of Amanda Forsyth as a Long Term Substitute, appointment of Jessica Burggraaff as a Long Term Substitute for Gloria Brague, Account Clerk, District Office.

Mrs. Diane Osborn and ten students presented a report on their recent travels to France with the Travel Club. Mrs. Osborn commented on the fundraising efforts of the group that enabled them to go on the trip and thanked the Board and the community for their support.

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Under Old Business, the Board approved the second reading of Policy 4250 – Evaluation of the Superintendent and under New Business they approved the 2010-2011 School Calendar, EFP Rotenberg, CPA as Williamson Central School District Internal Auditors, the paid/unpaid Maternity and Child Rearing leave for Jessica Craft, Physical Education Teacher, High School and the awarded bidder list for Engineering Supplies and Equipment for Project Lead the Way. Patrick Wright introduced Tom Watson, liaison to the Board from the Williamson Town Board.

Superintendent Ehresman presented information about the upcoming budget development process. The district will be losing a significant amount of state aid for next year. Williamson lost one of the highest percentages of aid in the county. She asked the Board for direction for the process of developing the budget. This included a tax rate goal and guidelines for class sizes and electives.