The October 14, 2009 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education began with a meeting of the Audit Committee. Ray Wager, CPA reviewed the 2008-2009 Financial Audit Report and Management Letter. Overall, the report indicated that the District is currently in a good financial position.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Wendy Havens reported on the recent Superintendent’s Conference Day and recognized the many individuals who facilitated groups of teachers. She also recognized Erina Guilfoil who has created a very positive learning environment for her UPK students. Doug Lauf reported that Sam McIntosh, Student Representative, wanted to highlight the successful school spirit week and homecoming. Mr. Lauf highlighted Jeremy Stringer for his use of a Smart Board and Smart Music software in his instrumental music lessons which is very engaging for the students. Wanda Miller reported that the large number of CSE cases is due to schedule changes. Mrs. Miller attended all three open houses and they were very positive. Mark Schichtel commented on a recent visit to Christy Hout’s classroom where they were reading MacBeth. Mrs. Hout did a great job of associating real life situations to the book to increase student understanding. John Fulmer highlighted Bridget Coon for her use of the Smart Board in her classroom and her focus on learning objectives for her lessons. Ellen Saxby commented on Olweus classroom meetings that involve all personnel in the buildings. All classroom meetings are held at the same time and groups of students engage in a variety of activities. She also highlighted the special education teachers in the building who are addressing the needs of many students and recognized a lesson led by Amy Vandergrift and Dave Bruinix that included differentiation and a high level of engagement of the students. Gary Barno commented that tax collection is on target for the year and that interest rates have declined. Superintendent Ehresman stated that the bid for the work on the front of the Middle School was higher than was expected so the work will not be able to be completed this fall. The bid will be split into two separate bids at a future date. She also related that she had the opportunity to hear the new Chancellor of the Board of Regents and the new Commissioner of Education speak.

Board Committee Reports included an update on the Williamson Master Plan Committee meeting. The Committee changed the residential area outside of Williamson School District lines from high to low priority residential. Concern was expressed that the District’s initial request was not fulfilled and they agreed to discuss it at a later time.

Doug Lauf, Mark Schichtel, Joe Weinschreider, Jodi Prideaux, Tracy O’Hara and Cathy Blakey reported on the High School Action Plans for the 2009-2010 school year which were developed after reviewing the academic achievement data from last year. The goals are:

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1. For 2009-10, the number of students 9-12 failing 2 or more classes at the end of the school year will decrease by 3% (or 11 students.)

2. At the end of the 2009-10 school year the percentage of the student body achieving mastery by earning a yearly final average of 85% or higher will increase by 4% as compared to the 2008-09 school year.

Members of the team reviewed the specific actions that will be completed in order to achieve these goals. Next, Kristen Smuez, Tracy O’Hara and Sue Merriett presented an overview of the planning process that students engage in as they move from Middle School to High School. Superintendent Ehresman reviewed the process for the census this year. The numbers of students who are projected to be starting kindergarten over the next several years look fairly steady. Several CSE cases were approved and the Treasurer’s Report was reviewed.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda, several substitutes were approved along with the following:
- Resignation of Joann Robinson, Cafeteria Food Service Worker
- Resignation of Virginia Kuryla, Middle School, Math Curriculum Coordinator
- Winter Coaching appointments of Ben Minier and Dan Schoonerman, Boys Junior High Basketball
- Supervisors and Substitutes for the fall sports season:
  - Tracy O’Hara
  - Jim Newby
  - Nancy Shay
  - Brian Steurrys
  - Steve Murphy
  - Elaine DeVries
  - Chuck Monsees
  - Kim VanStrein
  - Brian Weeden
  - Scott Kingsbury – Head Supervisor
  - Mark Ameele (substitute)
  - Harry Halldow (substitute)
  - Judy Wooster (substitute)

- Probationary appointment of James Morris, as a full-time cleaner, Elementary School
- Nina Caraveo, Middle School Math Curriculum Coordinator for the 2009-10 School Year
- Change in appointment for Donald Brown, from Substitute to Full-Time bus driver

The Board discussed liaison appointments for the current school year under Old Business. Under New Business, the Board approved the first readings of several policies, budget transfers for the 2009-10 school year and the excess of outdated technology equipment.