October 26, 2012

The October 24, 2012 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education began with a meeting of the Audit Committee. The Board reviewed the draft of the Internal Audit Control Cycle Report on Building and Grounds Operations prepared by EFP-Rotenberg, LLP, the 2011-2012 Financial Audit Report and Management Letter prepared by Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C. This was followed by a public hearing to discuss needed repairs to a low water pressure issue at the Middle School. At the beginning of the regular meeting the board was recognized for their service to the students of the district and treated to a preview of the upcoming Middle School musical, Fame Jr.

Student Representative Courtney Hill reported that the girls’ soccer team won against Sodus and is moving onto the quarterfinal game and that the volleyball and boys’ soccer teams also have sectional games. She also reported that rehearsals for the high school Cabaret are underway and the high school musical Little Shop of Horrors will be performed in December.

Under Reports from District Administrators, John Fulmer highlighted Sue Collins’ ELA class and how well the new curriculum is being implemented and comprehended by the students. He highlighted some of the students’ work and the higher level vocabulary words they are using. He is impressed with how well the students are rising to the challenge and the exemplary work they are performing. He highlighted both Mrs. Collins and Lisa Hendrickson for their efforts in helping the students reach the new standards. Wanda Miller highlighted a student Tyler Spence who recently took first place in a regional youth bowling tournament competing against students from across New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He plans to use his winnings to attend college with the hopes of one day becoming a professional bowler. Amy Busby reported that the teachers are becoming more excited about the curriculum and the kids are catching on to their enthusiasm. Doug Lauf announced that Marcella DelPlato has written a play, Heads Up, that will be performed at Geva Theatre as part of their Young Writers Showcase. He also reported that the new National Honor Society members were notified of their acceptance. The induction ceremony will be November 29. Andy Wahl reported that the NHS is currently holding a non-perishable food drive for the Come-Unity Center and that MAPS testing is underway. Wendy Havens commented on the beautiful voices she heard working with Jessica Warchocki in preparation for the high school Cabaret. Superintendent Ehresman reported on her recent trip to Albany for principal evaluations. She also reported that the math modules are still in development. She indicated that many districts are growing concerned with the delay and the impact it may have on spring testing. She thanked the administrators for the wonderful job they are doing as instructional leaders in their buildings. President Michael Collins also extended his gratitude to the administrators for their hard work.

Board Committee Reports included an update on the PTSA Meeting, District Safety Committee Meeting, and the Williamson Recreation Department Meeting. The Middle School spotlight (OVER)
focused on the music program. Erica Hernandez presented an overview of how the new Common Core Curriculum Standards are being integrated into music classes with a focus on literacy. Wanda Miller presented the District Plan for Special Education for the 2011-2012 school year. The plan included an overview of the types of services that are available to the students, a budget summary and a representation of students who participate in the special programs. She highlighted the fact that more students are being educated in district which is more cost effective.

Several CSE cases were approved and the Treasurer’s Report was tabled until the next meeting.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda, several teacher substitutes were approved along with the following:

- Resignation of Courtney Swain, Permanent Clerk Typist, effective 11/19/12
- Resignation of Amy Hanna, Dignity for All Students Act Coordinator, Middle School, effective 11/21/12
- Winter 2012 Coaching appointments:
  - Jim Newby  JV Wrestling
  - Doug Garrod  JV Boys Basketball
  - Ed Schaffer  Junior High Wrestling
  - Paul DiSanto  JV Girls Basketball
  - Dan Schoonerman  Junior High Girls Basketball
  - Scott Kingsbury  Junior High Boys Basketball
  - Cindy Lewis  Modified Cheerleading
- Sarah Pietropaolo, as a long-term substitute for Emily Hancock, Teacher, Elementary School
- Appointment of Brian Chaffee, Social Worker
- Change in appointment for Kelly Dixon, from salaried monitor to teacher aide

The Board approved the second reading of Policy 5640 – School Food Service Program (Lunch and Breakfast) under Old Business.

Under New Business, the Board accepted a donation of tools from Tractor Supply Central store in Ontario, several audit reports and approved the following action items:

- Resolution to approve up to $45,000 from the Repair Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairs to the low water pressure issue
- Approved Todd LaBarr as Project Manager for the asbestos abatement project, Middle School boiler room
- Instructor fees for the Adult Education 2012 Fall Semester
- Agreement with the Town of Williamson for Salting and Sanding and Snow Plowing of the Sidewalk to the High School for the 2012-2013 School Year
- Appointment of Paula Shultes, Petty Cash Custodian, Elementary School
- Williamson French Club trip to France, February 2014
- Appointment of Brian Chaffee, Dignity for All Students Act Coordinator, Middle School, effective 11/26/12
- Appointment of Amy Hanna as a Teacher Mentor

Also under New Business the board discussed Buildings and Grounds staffing issues and their attendance at the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) conference in Rochester.