October 28, 2005

On October 26th a public hearing preceded the Board of Education Meeting. The purpose of the hearing was to hear views from the public on expending money from the repair reserve for bus garage improvements. There were two community members present at the hearing. One was a member of the press and the second was the project’s construction manager.

After the hearing the Board approved the consent agenda, which included the appointments of the following Winter Season Coaches:

Jeff White - Girls Varsity basketball
Kyle Shultes - Girls JV Basketball
Dan Schoonerman - Girls Junior High Basketball
Scott Kingsbury - Girls Junior High Basketball
Bill Mitchell - Boys Varsity Basketball
Doug Garrod - Boys JV Basketball
Ben Minier - Boys Junior High Basketball
Dan Schoonerman - Boys Junior High Basketball
Jim Newby - Varsity Wrestling
Alden Homner - JV Wrestling
Tim Habecker - Junior High Wrestling
Elizabeth Cavallaro - Varsity Cheerleading
Cindy Lewis - JV Cheerleading
Carl Comstock - Indoor Track

The Board heard reports from Sean Doran the student representative, and the district administrators.

Elementary School principal, Anne Ressler, reported that Big Pumpkin Day was this coming Friday. Channel 13 will tape this activity for their “Bright Spot” segment on the six o’clock broadcast that evening. John Fulmer, Middle School principal, reported on Red Ribbon activities and the first forum that was held earlier that week. High School principal, Doug Lauf reported on the upcoming sectional games this weekend. Boy’s Soccer, Girl’s Soccer and Volleyball will all be playing a home sectional game.

Board members reported on the Elementary School Open House and Focus Group for parents; the first G.E.D. Graduation Celebration and the Math Subcommittee meeting that afternoon. This was followed by the Middle School’s presentation of their action plans. They presented two action plans that address student support and assessment. Under Action Plan One, the building will be examining all of the support services presently in place and look for any gaps in services. Under Action Plan 2, the main emphasis will be on improving New York State English Language Arts test score results. The report from the Middle School team was followed by Wanda Miller’s presentation of the District’s Special Education Plan. Between the 2000-2001 School year and the 2004-2005 year, the percent of disabled students has dropped from 18% (percent) to 14% (percent). The Board applauded Wanda for her hard work and dedication to Williamson students.

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Under new business, the Board approved a resolution to expend money from the repair reserve for bus garage improvements and approved the Travel Club's trip to Ottawa, Canada in June 2006. They also approved the sanding and salting contracts with the Town of Williamson and Julie Hilleger as the Elementary School Building Substitute.