The November 13, 2013 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Student representative Alex Steurrys reported that the Boys Soccer team is heading to the state competition this weekend in Middletown, the winter sports season has begun and students are preparing for the performance of *A Christmas Carol*.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Doug Lauf invited the board to the first academic honor roll luncheon sponsored by the PTSA on November 20. Tom Schulte thanked Caroline Jackson, Jody Schmeelk and the many students that have helped prepare the Common Core modules for the Elementary School. It is a district-wide effort to prepare the materials in order for teachers to use them in the most efficient manner. Wanda Miller highlighted the Elementary School staff - Shannon Ryan, Kara Steinmetz, Carla Williams, Amy Hanna, Michelle Seniuk, Ellen Saxby, and Karen Hoody – for their flexibility in adapting to change and the dedication to the students. She reported that Joshua Faulks will be presented with the Diann Roffe Award. Joshua will be the first student recipient of the award which is given to an individual displaying the qualities of persistence, determination, and enthusiasm even in the face of difficulties. He will be recognized at the Williamson Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 10th. Gary Barno reported on the unpaid tax summary provided by the district tax collector Anne VanEenwyk. The collection rate remains at the same level as previous years. Superintendent Macaluso reminded the board about the upcoming eduACTION rally on November 20 from 7-9 pm at Canandaigua Academy with Dr. Rick Timbs. He encouraged the board and members of the community to attend to advocate for our district. He reported to the board that the Wayne County Supervisors have proposed repealing the tax share agreement with school districts. An informal meeting is scheduled between the superintendents and supervisors to discuss the implications of this proposal on the districts. Due to an unexpected increase in special education costs, the district is currently reviewing options to save money while best serving our students’ needs. Dr. Macaluso expressed his appreciation to Wanda Miller, Gary Barno and the rest of the administrative team for looking at measures the district can undertake to keep costs down while providing the services needed. He commented that the Boys Soccer team does a wonderful job in representing the district both on and off the field. He plans to attend the state semi-final game in Middleton after his meeting in Albany.

Under Board Committee Reports, Board members commented on various events and meetings that have occurred in recent weeks. The Board reviewed the Treasurer’s Report and approved a Sunday building use for the Williamson Wildcats. Several CSE Case Summaries were approved.
Pat Perez, Ariane Baer-Harper and Nicole Baker presented an overview of the Languages Other than English program. The teachers reviewed how they are incorporating 21st century technology into the classroom to illustrate comprehension or reinforce principles. They are non-dedicated websites that do not require subscriptions or passwords so that students can continue to study outside of the classroom. Conversation assignments are phoned in to a dedicated voice mail system so that more time can be used in class for instruction. The teachers highlighted several works by their students including songs or stories written in either French or Spanish. Websites, videos, and YouTube videos are incorporated at every level to help students become proficient in speaking, reading and writing another language.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda, the resignation of Tammy Brothers, cleaner District Office was accepted. The board approved the appointment of teacher substitutes, volunteers and the following appointments:

- The additional probationary appointment of District Office cleaner/food run for Bruce White effective 11/6/13
- The appointment of Kim Kleaka, as a long-term substitute for Larissa Juliano, Librarian/Media Specialist, Elementary School, effective 11/14/13 through 4/11/13
- The change in appointment for Erin Rowley from Probationary Full Time Student Aide to Permanent Full Time Student Aide effective 11/6/13
- The Extra-Curricular appointments for the 2013-2014 school year:
  - Ski Club: Joanna Alexander
  - Odyssey of the Mind: Cathie Abdunnasir
  - Odyssey of the Mind: Ian Thomas
  - Odyssey of the Mind: Marcie Furnal
  - AV Coordinator ES: Marcie Furnal

Under Old Business, Trustee Pete Wright proposed that the board invite Town Supervisor Jim Hoffman and an engineer to a future board meeting regarding the use of solar energy for the district and any potential savings.

Under New Business the Board approved several budget transfers and a budget amendment to cover unanticipated BOCES special education costs. The board also approved:

- The 2012-2013 Audit Correction Action Plan
- The Classified Substitute rates effective 12/31/13 based on the changes to the minimum wage law
- The Teaching Assistant Substitute rate of $60/day effective 12/31/13 based on changes to the minimum wage law
- Resolution for Lead Evaluator of Teachers for Thomas Schulte

Gary Barno presented an overview of the 2014-2015 budget. Based on current projections the district is looking at a shortfall of over $1,500,000 based on a rollover budget and projected health/retirement increases. He reviewed the anticipated rate for the tax cap which is considerably lower than last year. He reviewed potential strategies to balance the budget which include lobbying for more state aid and developing a list of cost saving options.