The November 16, 2011 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Under Reports to the Board, Wendy Havens recognized the Curriculum Coordinators throughout the district who are working hard with their groups to focus on the Common Core Curriculum Standards. She also reported on the State Finance Consortium meeting she attended which highlighted the inequity in funding between districts who are wealthy and those who are not. John Fulmer highlighted the seven teachers who work at the Middle School and also work in other buildings as a result of recent budget cuts. He also recognized Joan Frank who runs the Restricted Work Room and completes other tasks in the building. He thanked Joan for making the building a lot easier to work in. Wanda Miller recognized Jaclyn Ferraro who has been a long-term substitute in the district. She has done a fine job in her time in Williamson but will be leaving soon. She also commented on the recent integrated co-teaching meetings that were held. Doug Lauf congratulated Coach Jim Newby and the boys’ varsity soccer team for an outstanding season and he said thank you to the supporters who attended the games regardless of the location. He also congratulated Rayanne Luke and Jon Beiswanger for participating at the state level in cross country and indicated departure for the senior trip is approaching. Andy Wahl expressed how impressed he was with the drama club production of “Peter Pan & Wendy.” He recognized Jessica Warchocki, the cast and crew that made it happen. He also commented on all of the training that he has been attending. Superintendent Ehresman reported that Mr. Wahl has helped cover the buildings during the transition. She thanked the individuals who participated in the School Quality Review (SQR). The team included John Fulmer, Wanda Miller, Deb Yackel and Amy Vandergrift.

Board Committee Reports included updates on the District Team Meeting, Big Pumpkin Day, Curriculum Council Meeting and PTSA Meeting. The Board approved a number of CSE cases and reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Under the Consent Agenda, the board approved a number of substitutes and several extra-curricular appointments.

Under New Business the board approved the first readings of Policy 6120 – Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (School Personnel) and Policy 7420 – Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (Students) and approved the Elementary Student Council as an extracurricular activity with Kate Bates as the advisor. The Board also approved changes to the District Code of Conduct – SAVE Plan, Appendix D, amended the school calendar for the 2011-2012 school year to reflect the addition of a Regents Rating Day in January and a Superintendent Conference Day in March. They also approved the Williamson Central School District Single Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2011, the 7th Grade Trip to Gettysburg, and reviewed items proposed for a capital project. A Teaching Assistant position was abolished and Katelyn Verbridge, who was in that position, was appointed as Elementary School Permanent Building Substitute for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.