



Williamson Central



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The February 9, 2011 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Superintendent Ehresman presented information about the upcoming budget development process. The district will be losing 1.4 million dollars in aid this year under the governor's proposal. Last year, the state aid loss was 1.1 million. This is a 2.5 million dollar loss on a budget of 20 million. She encouraged residents to write to their state representatives on behalf of the district and the inequity of the cuts across the state. A sample letter and addresses for the legislators are listed on the district web page. Information about the budget will be presented at future board meetings until the budget is adopted by the board in April 2011.

Student Representative Alexandra Intini reported that mid-term exams are complete and the students have started the second semester. She also reported that over 100 students attended the Snowball Semi-Formal Dance, the jazz band performed at the Intergenerational Dance and there was a winter pep rally for the teams last Friday. She commented that Mrs. Kathy Johnson, Spanish Teacher, has retired and that Ms. Manuela Noble has taken over the Spanish classes.

Anne Ressler, Elementary School Principal, and teachers, Kiera Carlson, Emily Hancock, Barb Tomeno and Erina Guilfoil, presented an overview of the UPK and Good Start program. A standards-based report card has been developed and is being used for the second year. NYS has published Common Core Standards for UPK and the students in our program are exceeding those standards. Superintendent Ehresman reported on the New York State School Report Card. Each building and the District are considered to be in good standing with the State Education Department based on the achievement of the students.

Several CSE cases were approved and, under the consent agenda, the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting, the appointment of tutors and several substitutes as well as the following:

- Mackenzie Tuchrelo as a Long Term Substitute for Caroline Donovan, Math Teacher, High School
- Jodi Prideaux as a Teacher Mentor for the second semester
- Stephanie Gowan as High School Permanent Building Substitute for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year
- Change in appointment for Tori Kolyer from Temporary Clerk Typist, Elementary School to Probationary Clerk Typist, Elementary School

Under Old Business, the board approved to amend the 2010-2011 school calendar to make March 14 a regular school day thereby cancelling the Superintendent Conference Day.

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Under New Business, the Board approved the following:

- First readings of Policy 1334 – Duties of the Independent Auditor; Policy 5510 – Extraclassroom Activity Fund; Policy 5570 – Reserve Funds; Policy 2100 – Board Member Training; Policy 5400 – Principles of Purchasing; Policy 7210 – Age of Entrance.
- First reading for elimination of Policy 7502 – Management of Funds and Policy 7650 – Home Teaching.
- Williamson Central School District 2011-2012 School Calendar.
- Agreement with the Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES to provide Project Lead the Way services for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Resolution to terminate leave of absence for Darlene Kotvis, full-time Bus Driver.
- Change in appointment for Darlene Kotvis from Bus Monitor/Cleaner to full-time Bus Monitor.
- Scott Kingsbury to teach the 5-hour Pre-Licensing Course for drivers.
- The 2009-2010 Extra Classroom Activities Fund Audit Corrective Action Plan.

Superintendent Ehresman asked the Board for direction for the process of developing the budget. This included a tax rate goal and guidelines for areas in which potential cuts could be considered. One of the potential cuts that the board has asked to be considered is to discontinue summer school for all except seniors who do not meet the graduation requirement in June. Final decisions will be made early this spring but parents will be notified of the potential loss of summer school.