The March 11, 2009, meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education was opened by President Michael Collins.

Katie Swingly, student representative, reported that on March 12 there will be a small ensemble concert at the high school during which art students will paint along with the music, the District concert is March 17 at 7:00 and My Fair Lady will be presented April 3 and 4. She also expressed concerns about the class selection next year and eliminating an AP and pre-Calculus class. It was explained that the pre-Calculus class will be dual enrollment with the option to take it as a high school class or Gemini class and the AP Chemistry class, now scheduled as an on-line class, would switch to a locally taught class if ten or more students register for it.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Mrs. Wendy Havens reported that the District had been audited for the Commissioner’s Regulations Part 154 Plan that addresses the needs of English Language Learners and the plan was approved. Mr. John Fulmer commented that additional intramurals are being offered for students at the Middle School this spring and over fifty students signed up for cooking intramurals with Deb DelPlato. He reported on the Start the Fire Project, led by Diane Luke, which is an eighth grade multimedia project and is supported by all curricular areas. Miss Ellen Saxby stated that the students completed the New York State Math Assessments today and that the Olweus anti-bullying program will be kicked off in a couple of weeks. She also commented on the New Teacher Orientation session held earlier this week and complimented the group on their high level of professionalism.

Mr. Doug Lauf reported that the first movie night was held at the high school last Friday with approximately one hundred students in attendance and that he attended the opening of the Wayne County Annual Art Show in Newark on Sunday. Williamson had fifteen students who had art work at the show. Students were: Haley Appleby (First Place), Hannah Barrett, Noah Busse, Stephanie Darling (Honorable Mention), Kyle Dobsie, Jessie Evarts, Kayla Flanders, Dylan Forman (Second Place), Joe Gnage, Billy Hollebrandt, Rayanne Luke, Brit Moran (Honorable Mention), Emma Oakes, Samantha Scott, Meghan Vancour and Jayelle White. He also commented on his observation of Ellen Shaw’s class on Lord of the Flies and the differentiation she did with the students that allowed them to choose one of four ways to reflect on a character. Mr. Mark Schichtel reported on the eighth graders’ visit to the high school last week and the Winter Sports Award night which was a nice celebration for the students. He highlighted Kate Taylor for her enthusiasm in working with the students that includes dancing and singing in class.

Mrs. Wanda Miller highlighted Rhonda Tuchrelo for the outstanding lesson that she taught that included differentiation and small group work. The children applauded at the end of the lesson when she asked how they liked the group work.

Miss Anne Ressler complimented Linda Tabit and Kate Orbaker for their work on the Reading Incentive Program and Denise Sprout for her outstanding writing lesson with every single student reaching the learning goal. She also commented on the Differentiation Team that has been working in the building to continue to promote differentiation. The team members are Christie Graves, Mary Lyons, Stacey
Newmyer, Amy Youngs, and Rich Rozzi. She also asked the Board to review and sign a letter written by the Drop-Out Committee to Governor Paterson on various concerns about drop-outs.

Mr. Gary Barno commented on the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting and the meeting with the internal auditors in April. He also reported that the auditors from New York State will begin their work tomorrow.

Superintendent Ehresman reported that she had a Sunday building use form that the Board agreed to support. She commented that she had conducted twenty-seven Superintendent’s Hearings this year compared to sixteen by this time last year. She also stated that there will be an awards ceremony on June 8 to recognize student achievements in conjunction with Dollars for Scholars. She also shared that Diann Roffe, former Olympian, will be coming to speak at the high school during Apple Blossom Festival. Tickets will go on sale after spring break.

Mr. Patrick Wright reported on his trip to Albany to attend the New York State School Boards Conference. Board Committee Reports included an update on Eighth Grade Parents’ Night, District Safety Committee, Winter Sports Awards, New York State Audit Entrance Meeting, Town of Williamson Public Meeting on Land Use and Budget Stakeholder Meeting. Mr. Michael Collins reported on the Wayne County Task Force on Education and Consolidation that is looking at possibilities for shared services.

The Board approved several CSE Case Summaries and reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Mark Schichtel presented an update on the Community Service program. Every senior must complete twenty hours of community service as a graduation requirement. Tricia Phillips, a ninth grader, reported on the hours that she has completed including church nursery babysitting, caroling at Blossom View, Polar Plunge and Biddy Basketball coaching. Makayla Boisvert, an eleventh grader reported that she participated in Project Urge, community clean up, recreational soccer coaching and nursing home volunteering.

Under the Consent Agenda, several substitutes and volunteers were approved as well as the following permanent appointments:
- Robert Platt, Part-Time Bus Driver
- Kelly Wirthman, Full-Time Salaried Monitor, High School
- Tammy McIntosh, Full-Time Salaried Monitor, High School
- Louis Eck, Full-Time Student Aide, Elementary School
- Sue VanStaalduinen, Full-Time Student Aide, Middle School
- Connie Myers, Full-Time Student Aide, Elementary School
- Victoria Schraeder, Part-Time Monitor, Elementary School
- Tori Kolyer, Part-Time Monitor, Elementary School
- Kacy Vendel, as a Part-Time Monitor, High School

The Board also accepted the resignation of Penny Eller, part-time Food Service Helper, High School.

Under Old Business, the board discussed the proposed budget and the IDEA and Title 1 funds that are potentially coming from the federal government. There are restrictions on how the money can be used and several ideas were discussed.

Under New Business, the Board approved the 2007-2008 Extra Classroom Fund Audit Corrective Action Plan and discussed the 2009-2010 Four County School Board Budget and Fees.