The March 19, 2014 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education was opened by President Michael Collins with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Superintendent Gregory Macaluso reviewed the status of the budget. As a result of the Governor’s State of the State address and current budget negotiations in Albany, the District is still waiting for aid projections in order to finalize our budget. The District is currently working under the guidelines mentioned in the Governor’s address that a minimum 1.7% increase in aid will be distributed to school districts across the state. Even working with this number it is anticipated that the District will be short $320,000. He reported that School Business Administrator Gary Barno, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Marygrace Ferrando and himself have worked with the principals to set priorities and determine where cuts may be made. It is anticipated that a complete budget picture will be presented to the Board of Education at the April 8 meeting.

Michael Collins reported that Trustee Patrick Wright was named Citizen of the Year by the Williamson Chamber of Commerce. Bailey DiSanto, President, Class of 2017, reported that 19 students from the high school attended a leadership meeting in Geneseo and a number of juniors attended a local college fair. She also reported that spring sports have started and the annual Talent Show will take place on Friday, March 20. Under reports from District Administrators, Marygrace Ferrando, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction reported on the success of the Elementary School Math Event. The event was created as a result of feedback from parents who expressed an interest in observing a math lesson. The 4th grade students led various activities and there were over 80 parents in attendance. Ms. Ferrando expressed her appreciation to Carole Picha, Kate Bates, DeeDee Eaton, Kiera Carlson and Mary Lyons for their efforts in creating the event. John Fulmer, Principal, Middle School, reported that the modified Spring Sports program is underway with 64.8% of students participating. He also reported on the return of Medieval Day and thanked Michele Meyer, Deb Yackel, Brian Steurrys, Cathie Abdunnasir as well as building staff and parent volunteers for a successful day. Kate Avery, Principal, High School highlighted several students. They are: Jonah Sharp, Williamson Chamber of Commerce Youth of the Year, Felicia Jones who recently placed in the regional competition for culinary skills and she reported that several students participated in the All-County Band at Sodus High School. She also reported that Chantel Smith, Malik Jones, Tylea McCarthy-Walker, Sam Jones and Bayana Burnell were recognized by the Urban League of Rochester for their achievements. She expressed her appreciation to Ann Dewhirst, Sally Schillaci, Tracy O’Hara, Nicole Baker and Nicole Lock for their work to coordinate the 8th Grade visitation and parent night. She also recognized Jessica Craft, Gabi Sears, Patrick Verbridge and Tim Tyler for their work with the students preparing for the Talent Show. Wanda Miller highlighted a successful team meeting at the Middle School with administrators, counselors, teachers and a parent to resolve issues facing a student. She reported that these types of meetings happen on a regular basis to make sure supports are in place for our students. Superintendent Macaluso reported that the District met with Watchdog Building Partners and SEI Design Group to complete the Capital Project. The final review showed some funds left over which will either be applied to the District debt service or to repair recent ice jam issues discovered at the Middle and Elementary schools. He reported that work will begin with SEI and Watchdog Building Partners to review and update the Five Year Facilities plan. He updated the board on his recent trip to Albany where he attended the NYS Council of School Superintendents Conference and met with our local legislators. The local legislators are hopeful for an on-time budget with a tentative budget.

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ready by March 26. He informed the board about a new potential program at the high school currently under
discussion called Pathways. The objective is for an incoming high school student to develop college and
career readiness knowledge and skill tailored to a future career interest. Some examples would be students
interested in engineering, nursing, science or the arts. Early discussions have shown that many components
for such a program are already in place. The concept is broad enough that if a student does not know going
into high school what he may want to pursue as a career, a plan could be developed to offer them the
opportunity to explore a variety of areas prior to graduation.

Angela DeFisher reported that the PTSA meeting was well-attended and there will be a spring fundraiser. The board approved several CSE case summaries and reviewed the Winter Sports Report and Treasurer’s Report.

The Board approved the consent agenda which included the appointment of substitutes, long-term
substitutes, volunteers and the change of appointment for several individuals from probationary to
permanent.

Under Old Business, Trustee Patrick Wright updated the Board on the 259 School Ballot referendum. He reported that the Library Board has made presentations to various groups including the Chamber of Commerce and will present to the local retired teachers as well as the VFW. He informed the public in attendance that flyers explaining the referendum are available at the Williamson Public Library.

Under New Business the board approved the appointment of Jessica Shaver and Mary Freischlag as Fuel to Play 60 Coordinators for the 2014-2015 school year. They also approved a new Scholarship to be offered in June 2015. The Gail K. Vanderbilt Scholarship will benefit a graduating senior attending college for nursing to encourage and support their education. The board also approved the Propositions and the Notice of Annual School Board Vote and Election of a Board Member. The final action of the evening was to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar. The calendar has been posted to the District website.