The April 8, 2009 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education was opened by President Michael Collins. Student Representative Evangeline McClure commented that Student Council has been working on the Talent Show and the money will benefit a leukemia patient who lives in the area. The rehearsal was wonderful and the show will be April 24 at 7:00 p.m. In Geometry, students are working on a floor plan that requires the use of a variety of geometric figures. She also commented that she enjoys Mrs. Fisler’s English class and the work on the short stories that they have been doing.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Mr. Mark Schichtel highlighted Michael Rhoda for his group activity that involved all of the students in his class and allowed students to go above and beyond the preliminary expectations. He thanked the PTSA for the pizza and soda they provided for the last honor roll luncheon and commented on the preparation for the Project Urge community service trip planned for April 24. Mr. Doug Lauf recognized Jessica Warchocki, Christy Hout and all the students for their hard work on My Fair Lady which was an excellent show. He recognized Pat Walker for the hard work that she has been doing including recognizing female staff members for Women’s History Month and on an Easter egg hunt that included Regents review questions for students. Work is being done to prepare for summer school and he stated that on April 29 all tenth grade students will be taken out to visit colleges or work sites. He recognized Rich Rozzi for his hard work in arranging this experience.

Miss Anne Ressler commented on the Olweus training that was held last Friday and that teachers have started to hold their classroom meetings. The annual television-free week will be April 20-24 with a Family Fun night on April 24. Summer school planning is underway and Beauty and the Beast professional storytellers will be working with students in third grade. She also related that Dan Schoonerman, Ben Minier, Karen Bischoping, Michelle Seniuk participated in CARE Team training. She highlighted Nancy Monachino for her recent reading/writing lesson. Mrs. Wanda Miller commented that she enjoyed the CARE Team training that she attended and that the results of the parent survey came back from the New York State Department of Education and were very positive.

Mr. John Fulmer stated that the Olweus training held last Friday was very successful and he appreciated the efforts of the Olweus team who conducted the training. Classroom meetings started this week and have gone very well and the teachers are being very creative in their approach. He read a letter from a student expressing concern about bullying and her appreciation for the Olweus program. He commented on summer school planning that is in progress for a skills based program and reported on the student trip to Montreal. Miss Ellen Saxby commented that students created a mural from puzzle pieces with important messages about anti-bullying. She recognized Cathie Abdunnasir for her work on many activities at the Middle School. She
also complimented the 6:1:1 teachers for their hard work and their cohesiveness in addressing many difficult issues.

Superintendent Ehresman reported on the full day of staff development that she worked on with the high school. She complimented Doug Lauf and Mark Schichtel for their hard work in planning the day.

Board Committee Reports included updates on the Buildings and Grounds and Audit Committee meetings. The Board approved several CSE cases and Brenda Gowan and Joanne Greaney presented information on Project Graduation. This is the twenty-second year that the event has been held for Williamson students. They requested funding for the buses to transport the students to the event. Two bus drivers have already volunteered to drive. The Board expressed deep appreciation for the hard work in planning and executing the event.

Under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the appointments of a substitute, a volunteer and inspectors for the budget vote. They also accepted the retirement resignations of Denise Everitt, High School Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2009, 21 years of service and Juanita Verstraete, Middle School Librarian, effective June 30, 2009, 31 years of service.

Under New Business, the Board discussed the proposed stimulus funding and its impact on programs in the district. The Board also approved the following:

- The 2009-2010 Williamson Central School District Budget in the amount of $20,617,865
- The paid/unpaid Maternity and Child Rearing Leave for Middle School Teaching Assistant, Shaye Tanner
- Accepting the donation of a Proform Adjustable Treadmill to the Williamson Middle School from Diane Osborn
- The Class of 2010 Senior Trip to Orlando, Florida from November 19, 2009 to November 24, 2009
- Approve the following textbook: MacMillan/McGraw-Hill New York Textbook for grade 4 students
- The appointment of Stephanie Gowan as a Long Term Substitute for Shaye Tanner, Middle School Teaching Assistant