President Michael Collins opened the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Under Announcements, Linda Moll shared a positive comment about Ellen Saxby that she heard from a community member and complimented all of the administrators on their professionalism and their caring for the children of Williamson. Wendy Havens announced that one petition was received for the upcoming board election. The candidate is Patrick Wright who is seeking his second term.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Wanda Miller shared that she has been conducting Individualized Education Program (IEP) reviews of students who attend the Wayne Technical Career Center and that there are many who are experiencing a very high level of success. John Fulmer highlighted Cathie Abdunnasir who coordinated taking more than thirty students to the skills competition at BOCES where administrators from other districts commented on how respectful the students were. He also thanked the Middle School faculty for listening to the budget concerns and being very careful in purchasing only necessary items. Ellen Saxby reported that there will be several work sessions devoted to differentiation for teachers at the Middle School and that new teacher rounds will be held this week. Doug Lauf stated that the High School opened school on Monday with a presentation from the Friends of Rachel Club in recognition of the tragedy at Columbine. He recognized Sergio Trejo for his letter to the editor that was published in the Democrat and Chronicle last week and stated that the third annual talent show will be held on Friday. Mark Schichtel announced that there will be a breakfast hosted by the Volunteer Club to benefit the Steves family at Orbaker’s on Saturday. He recognized Tracy O’Hara for the tireless support that she has given the Steves family. He also highlighted Jessica Warchocki for the enthusiasm that she creates with her students in the classroom. Anne Ressler stated that the elementary building is in the middle of TV-free week and she recognized Christina Sharp for keeping it going each year. The culminating Family Fun Night will be this Friday. Beauty and the Beast, a group of professional storytellers, will be working with third grade students next week. She also recognized the Elementary Building Planning Team, Pupil Personnel Services Team and Care Teams for their cohesiveness and teamwork. She highlighted Ben Minier and Dan Schoonerman who will be the building facilitators for the building Care Team. Wendy Havens recognized Laurie Bischoff who is doing a very good job in the District Office and shared information about a Cyberbullying Webinar that she viewed with faculty members that focused on bullying prevention and intervention. Gary Barno also recognized Laurie Bischoff for her work with the Business Office and he commented on banking processes that will help with fraud prevention. Superintendent Maria Ehresman reported that Brenda Gowan and Joanne Greaney have been named Williamson Chamber of Commerce Team of the Year and will be recognized at a ceremony on

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April 30. She announced that Diann Roffe will be speaking at the Middle School during Apple Blossom weekend and on May 18. This will be free and open to the public. Posters are being placed around town notifying of the event. Also, there will be a committee meeting to address the eligibility policies in the district.

The Board commented on the District Technology Committee and approved several CSE cases. Anne Ressler and Mark Schichtel presented information that was developed by a K-12 committee that studied the issue of drop-outs. Areas addressed included – the impact of drop-outs on society, identifiers of student drop-outs and interventions that have proven effective. The committee identified a number of possible next steps and will continue to work to prioritize the actions that will be taken next.

Under the Consent Agenda, several substitutes, the emergency conditional appointment of Brenda Raymer, as a Long Term Substitute for Keri DeNagel, Elementary School Monitor and the change in appointment of Laurie Bischoff, to Probationary Administrative Assistant at the District Office were approved.

Under New Business, the Board approved the following:

- One vote each for BOCES Board candidates Jeanne Durfee, O.J. Sahler and Lynn Gay
- The 2008-2009 W-FL BOCES Administrative Budget
- The Internal Audit Risk Assessment Report
- The awarding of the External Auditing Services to Raymond F. Wager, CPA, P.C.