



Williamson Central



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President Michael Collins opened the April 24, 2013 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Student Representative Nicholas Vitalone reported that there are several events coming up including the Junior/Senior prom, the Mr. Marauder competition, a National Honor Society blood drive and AP exams. He also reported that the student representatives of the Williamson/Marion/Wayne high schools are planning an event for the students of the districts. Information will be sent to the district students and administrators once the details are confirmed.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Doug Lauf reported that the proceeds from the Mr. Marauder competition will be donated to the Pines of Peace. John Fulmer stated that the state math testing is underway. He thanked the staff for their support and participation in the proctoring process. He reported that the participation in spring sports this year is very good. Ellen Saxby expressed her appreciation to the teachers and staff in the building for their support during the state tests. She reported that Paula Shultes has done a wonderful job of managing the state tests. She also reported that the dedication of Gloria's Garden at the Elementary School will be May 3rd at 3:30 p.m. Amy Busby expressed her appreciation to the secretaries for their wonderful organization skills and their ability to handle many tasks at one time with ease. She is grateful for their support. Wanda Miller also expressed her appreciation along with the other administrators for the staff during the recent state tests. She reported that at a recent meeting, the outside consultant complimented the district for the many ways in which we support our students. Wendy Havens highlighted the special area teachers who have been working hard to bring the Common Core Curriculum into their lessons. Superintendent Ehresman thanked her assistant Donna Cairns for the work she has done to assist the board and committees during the superintendent search. She also expressed her appreciation to Wendy Havens for the tremendous amount of behind the scenes work she has done to prepare teachers and staff for the Common Core Curriculum and implementation and scoring for the state tests.

Board Committee Reports included information from the Buildings & Grounds Committee which included an update on the status of the Capital Project currently under review by the State Education Department. President Michael Collins expressed his appreciation to the teachers, staff, students and community for their insights, dedication and hard work as part of one of the most important decisions the board has made in a long time to select the new Superintendent of Schools.

Ellen Saxby introduced the special area teachers - Bill Mitchell, Dan Schoonerman, Larissa Juliano and Patty Sheridan. The teachers presented information to the board about the ways they are incorporating the new curriculum into their current classroom activities and lesson plans. The physical education teachers have worked literacy into the students' physical activities. Mrs. Sheridan presented an example how the students worked together to learn the definition of the

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word and then used that knowledge to create a piece of art. Mrs. Juliano spoke about how she sees every student in the building UPK through Grade 4 and has the opportunity to see them grow. She highlighted several projects and lessons she does with the students throughout the year.

Wendy Havens reviewed the Quarterly Achievement report. Esther Nygaard, a foreign exchange student from Denmark, thanked the board for the opportunity to spend the school year in Williamson. During her time she has participated in activities that are not available to her in Denmark and has enjoyed her time here. Her host, Mr. VanNostrand, reported that it was a very good experience for both Esther and the family.

After approving the CSE Case Summaries the board approved several substitute teachers, classified substitutes, long-term substitute cleaners, volunteers, summer appointments, change of appointments and the retirement/resignation of Marge Tellier, Lead Cleaner, Middle School, effective July 3, 2013, 31 years of service.

Under Old Business the board approved the second reading of the following policies:

- Policy 3431 – Smoking/Tobacco Use
- Policy 5400 – Principles of Purchasing
- Policy 6120 – Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (School Personnel)
- Policy 7420 – Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (Students)
- Policy 7430 – Smoking
- Policy 7471 – Athletic Code of Conduct
- Policy 7501 – Extracurricular Activity Code of Conduct

Under New Business the board voted for representatives to the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Board, the BOCES administrative budget and approved the following action items:

- Reinstatement of a Teaching Assistant position
- Appointment of Stephanie Gowan, Teaching Assistant, from the Preferred Eligibility List
- Leave of Absence for Jean McBride, effective April 22, 2013 until the end of school year

The board discussed the internal audit function based on information in the 2013-14 state budget that exempts schools with student enrollment below 1,500 students from this requirement. Gary Barno informed the board that the district has spent considerable monies on this service and the internal audits generally have no findings. The board agreed that since it is no longer a requirement, there is no longer a reason to pay for this service. The board also discussed a date to meet with the student focus groups.