



Williamson Central



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The April 2, 2014 Board of Education meeting was opened by Michael Collins with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. School Business Administrator Gary Barno presented an update on the 2014-15 school budget. Due to the tax cap and limited increase in state aid, the District budget will reflect significant cuts. The final proposed budget is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Education at the April 23 meeting. The Budget Hearing will be May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Williamson Middle School Cafeteria. The annual budget vote will be May 20, 1-9 p.m. in the Williamson Middle School Cafeteria. The budget presentation can be viewed on the District website by clicking on the Budget tab.

During public participation, Deb DelPlato, spoke to the board about the French Trip as a parent and community member. She expressed her appreciation to the board for their support of the trip. She commented that Ariane Baer-Harper, Diane Osborn and Kathryn Taylor do a tremendous amount of work to coordinate the travel and activities. She encouraged the board to continue to support the trips so that students can have the opportunity to learn from other cultures, religions and lifestyles.

Student representative Joseph Allman, welcomed Mr. Becker to the high school. He reported on a number of activities including the District Vocal concert, the high school musical *Meet Me in St. Louis*, the Model UN debate and robotics competition both held at St. John Fisher College. He also reported that upcoming events include the annual student Talent Show and PRISM concert. John Fulmer highlighted the Middle School students for their effort and focus during the ELA state exams. He also expressed his appreciation to the faculty and staff for their work to make sure students' needs are met. He reported there are over 70 students participating in baseball, softball and track this year. Roger Becker reported that his first week at the high school is going well and that he has been conducting getting to know you meetings with faculty and staff. Kathryn Taylor highlighted Cathie Abdunnasir and the many enrichment activities she coordinates for students. Amy Vandergrift expressed her appreciation to the High School students, faculty and staff for their support during the transition. Wanda Miller highlighted bus monitor Alicia Sonnevile and her work with students. Karen Hoody commented that the 3rd and 4th grade students have done a remarkable job on the ELA tests. She highlighted that the teachers, teaching assistants and support staff who did a wonderful job to coordinate services for students during the exams. Ellen Saxby reported that Nicole Baker and the Spanish Club invited the elementary students to an afternoon movie event at the high school. Miss Saxby thanked Mrs. Baker, Nancy Weber, Kim Plyter and the students for making it a memorable afternoon. Gary Barno highlighted the great crew of bus drivers in the district. He also highlighted Jessica Burggraaff and her work to arrange snacks for the middle school students during the state exams. Donations were made by the PTSA, Motts and Dunkin' Donuts for the snacks. Superintendent Macaluso reported that a tentative agreement has been reached with the CSEA. He also reported that Dr. Kathryn Avery has accepted the offer of High School Principal and that she will join the board on April 23 for her appointment. She will be joining the District on July 1 and comes to the district from the Brockport Central School District

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where she is currently the Assistant Principal at Brockport High School. He expressed his appreciation to all that participated in the interview process. The search for the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction will begin this month. A posting has also been distributed for a .5 assistant principal/.5 instructional coach at both the Elementary and High Schools. The positions are for one year and will be funded with the Strengthening Teacher and Leader Effectiveness grant.

The board approved several CSE Case Summaries. Other board reports included comments about the High School musical *Meet Me in St. Louis*, the District Wide vocal concert and the District Team meeting. Reports to the board included a review of the Winter Sports Report and a report on the French Trip. Diane Osborn, Kathryn Taylor and several students commented on the historical significance of their trip. The students spoke about the impact of the trip on their lives and how grateful they are for the opportunity to experience other cultures.

Ellen Saxby introduced Karen Hoody, Rosanne Barone, Nancy DeFranco, Christi Graves and Alice Sharp who spoke about the literacy programs in place at the Elementary School. Reading is a big part of the students' day and is taken very seriously. They reviewed the various instruction methods as well as programs in place to help struggling readers. Mrs. Sharp spoke about the current reading incentive projects in the library.

Under the Consent Agenda the board approved Annette Adams as a substitute nurse effective April 3, 2014. Under New Business, the board discussed dates for the student survey and approved the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy 1800 – Equal Opportunity
- Policy 3420 – Anti-Harassment in the School District
- Policy 6170 – Sexual Harassment
- Policy 6180 – Sexual Misconduct