Superintendent Ehresman presented the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year at the May 5, 2010 meeting of the Williamson Board of Education. She commented on the cuts in state aid. She reviewed each portion of the budget including General Support, Instruction, Transportation, Community Service, Undistributed and Interfund Transfers and the cuts that were made to each of these. She reviewed the personnel cuts that were made including an administrative position, elementary teacher, elementary counselor, two teaching assistants, speech therapist (.5), ELL teacher, physical education teacher (.5) and clerk typist position. Of the five teaching positions that were open due to retirements, only two are being filled. The Project Lead the Way program is now being offered through BOCES so the district will be able to charge tuition for students attending the program from other districts. The foreign language program instruction has been reduced for next year. The total proposed budget for next year is $20,678,583, which is a .29% increase from last year. This translates to a tax increase of 2.66%. The cost per thousand of true value will be $22.64. School Business Administrator Gary Barno reviewed the STAR Exemptions as part of the presentation.

Principals Anne Ressler, John Fulmer and Doug Lauf presented highlights from the school year including:

- Strong academic record
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program
- Strong, research-based programs
- Technology integration
- Cross-curricular activities
- Project Lead the Way
- Olweus Anti-Bullying Program
- Extra-curricular activities
- Community service opportunities
- Active learning / differentiated instruction
- Advanced Placement and Gemini Classes
- Full day program

The following propositions will be voted on May 18, 2010 from 1:00-9:00 in the Middle School cafeteria:

- Proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of $20,678,583
- Purchase of one (1) new handicapped accessible bus at an estimated maximum cost of $69,500 to be paid for with monies from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund (no additional cost to taxpayers).

The complete budget presentation can be reviewed at www.williamsoncentral.org/DistrictOffice.cfm under School Budget Vote.

Board candidate Michael Collins introduced himself and commented about his work with the board of education. He stated that he has been part of the solution for a long time and feels that his time spent working on the board has allowed him to make a difference in the community. He thanked his fellow board members and school administrators and staff for their support and commented that he looks forward to being able to work together on behalf of the students in the community. Caroline Jackson introduced herself and indicated that she moved to Williamson nine years ago and had selected the

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area based on the small, close-knit school community. She has three children in the district, is the PTSA Treasurer, volunteers in a kindergarten class one time per week and is a member of the high school building planning team. She stated that she loves the district and the children and is a big advocate for the children. She is running for the board because she wants to be a positive part of the district.

The Board approved several Committee on Special Education case summaries and the following appointments:

- Temporary summer cleaners: Rhonda Bigelow, Theresa Byron, Deanne Kuter
- Summer SPOTS Program: Gary Lundahl, Physical Therapist, Andrea Habecker, Occupational Therapist, Kathleen Salitan, Speech Therapist
- Stipend for Kathleen Salitan to coordinate the Summer SPOT Program
- Summer hourly appointments: Amy Bechtold, Speech Therapist, Joslyn Steurrys, Occupational Therapist, Gary Lundahl, Physical Therapist, Amy Burdett, Registered Nurse, Mary Jo Bailey 1:1 Student Aide
- Middle School 8:1:1 Classroom appointments: Julie Hillegeer, Teacher and Amy Hanna, Social Worker
- Functional Skills Development Classroom appointments: Anthea Perry, Teacher and Carol Smith, Teacher Aide
- Ryan Hillegeer, Classified Substitute
- Ariane Baer-Harper, French Teacher, High School
- Adam Luke, .5 Physical Education Teacher