The Williamson Central School District Board of Education held its regular meeting on June 24, 2009. Under Announcements, Michael Collins passed condolences on behalf of the Board to Patrick Wright on the passing of his mother-in-law and Superintendent Ehresman read a letter from Bergmann Associates on behalf of the Town of Williamson’s Master Plan Committee inviting the Board to participate in a meeting regarding the plan on July 22, 2009.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Wendy Havens commented on the preparation that is occurring for summer school with the focus of the program being on targeted skills in reading and math based on individual student data. Doug Lauf reported that the High School is busy getting ready for graduation. On Regents exams, there was a 94% passing rate for both Integrated Algebra and Living Environment and all but one Regents exam have shown an increased passing rate this year. Eighty-five students will participate in graduation this year with close to 58% earning Advanced Regents diplomas. Mark Schichtel commended the teachers on their handling of the administration of the examinations with special recognition of individuals responsible for making sure students received appropriate test accommodations. Anne Ressler reported that there were two elementary graduations this week for Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Fourth grade students. Tori Kolyer put together a wonderful end of the year PowerPoint. Miss Ressler also recognized Joanne Greaney and Jessica Burggraaff for their hard work in the main office dealing with many needs all at once. John Fulmer thanked Ellen Saxby and Paula Shultes for setting up all the test modifications needed for testing in the building. He also commented on the awards ceremonies held for middle school students and the performance of Living Environment students on their Regents exam. The majority of students achieved mastery on the exam with the help of Bridget Coon. Wanda Miller recognized her office staff for their hard work in completing all of the annual review paperwork in a timely fashion and she commented on a recent field day event held for special needs students. Gary Barno recognized Brenda Gowan and Gloria Brague who are working very hard to close out the current year in the Business Office. Superintendent Ehresman thanked the administration for all of their work during this hard year.

Wendy Havens, Rich Rozzi, Cathie Abdunnasir and Andy Wahl presented an update on the District’s Enrichment Plan. The presentation gave an overview of the school-wide enrichment model that is in place for the district which emphasizes having enrichment experiences for all students. They also outlined goals that the enrichment committees have established that include a district enrichment web page and learning cores in the libraries of the Elementary and Middle schools.
Wanda Miller presented an update on the Wellness Plan with highlights from the year that included:

- Training of elementary playground monitors so students participated in vigorous physical activity for the first 10 minutes of playground time
- Healthy Habits lessons done by the Physical Education, First and Second grade teachers
- The use of the new fitness room at the Middle School
- A Fitness for Fun Club for middle school students
- A Wellness Day for faculty
- Links with community-based programs were re-established
- Stress Reduction class was implemented at the High School
- Open gym was held from 7:10-7:30 in the morning at the High School

Mrs. Miller also commented on activities that are planned for the next school year.

A number of CSE cases were approved and, with the approval of the Consent Agenda, several substitutes and summer school aides were appointed. Under Old Business, the Board reviewed a flyer for Fireman’s Appreciation Day and discussed class sizes at the Elementary School. Class sizes will be monitored over the summer.

Under New Business, the Board approved the following:

- A bond resolution for the purchase of buses.
- The transfer of $70,000 from the Bus Purchase Reserve to the Capital Fund for the purchase of Buses as authorized by the voters on May 19, 2009.
- The updated Comprehensive Safety Plan and Code of Conduct.
- The termination of Kathryn Caternolo, Student Aide High School, effective June 15, 2009.
- Approve the Extra-Curricular appointments for the 2009-2010 school year.
- The appointment of Kate Bates, as the Summer Middle School Remedial Teacher.
- The date of the reorganization meeting for July 8, 2009.
- The extension of Board President Michael Collins and Vice President Linda Moll through July 8, 2009.
- The insurance contract with Ely & Leene Agency for the 2008-2009 school year.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Karen Fitzgerald Williams, Board of Education Trustee, effective June 24, 2009 with deep regret and much gratitude. This leaves a vacant seat on the Board that must be filled.