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

Under Reports from District Administrators, John Fulmer commented that Special Education teachers are participating in training for therapeutic crisis intervention which he is conducting with Amy Pete. Eventually the training will be expanded to other buildings. Approximately sixty students are participating in summer school at the Middle School and attendance has been very good. The various programs appear to be running very smoothly. He recognized Lisa Hendrickson for providing an excellent curriculum for her students and implementing it with the assistance of Amanda Whitmore and Mary Jo Bailey. Ellen Saxby reported that Middle School scheduling is nearing completion and that there have been no new entrants this year in comparison to ten students at this time last year. Anne Ressler reported that all necessary staff has been hired and she has been meeting with incoming kindergarten students’ parents to review kindergarten screening results. She also reported that some physical changes have been made in the building so that all classes of each grade level are in the same wing. She complimented the maintenance staff for their hard work and pride in what they are doing to get the building ready for the upcoming school year. Mark Schichtel commented that the ninth grade academy has been going well and it has been nice to meet the students. He also expressed appreciation for the work done by Kevin O’Dell to get the new cameras set up and computer problems solved. Doug Lauf stated that all ninth grade academy students have been attending regularly and only one student has left the summer school program being held at Wayne Central. He also reported that Jodi Prideaux and Anthea Perry will be the advisors for the incoming ninth grade class and they held a picnic for them today. Wanda Miller reported that there were three new CSE referrals and all parents were present. She also reported that the special education classes from the Middle School went on a bowling trip and that many of the students had never bowled before. Wendy Havens reported that she had a complimentary phone call from a parent who is considering moving to Sodus but wants to keep her children in Williamson where they have had a wonderful experience. Maria Ehresman reported that the administrative staff has been working together this week and that hiring appears to be close to complete for the year.

Board Committee Reports included an update on the Finance Committees. The district administrators presented an overview of the Annual Report. Highlights of the achievement of Williamson Central School District students included the following:

- A large number of students throughout the district are high achievers.
- The district has been able to provide support to a large number of students through the Academic Intervention Services Programs and many of the programs have proven to be very effective.
• Failure rates decreased for all grade levels at the high school over the course of the school year and the overall failure rate decreased from the 2007-2008 to the 2008-2009 school year.
• Discipline referrals for bus behavior at the Elementary School decreased this year.
• Ten students who participated in the Senior Mentor Program graduated in June.
• High percentages of elementary students continue to pass their Reading, Writing and Math classes.
• At the Middle School, 100% of students passed the high school courses Living Environment and Integrated Algebra.
• Attendance rates continue to be excellent overall throughout the district.
• Math and ELA scores for grades 5, 6 and 8 have shown an increase in the percentage of students meeting standards over time.
• Overall, Williamson students do very well in comparison with students in Wayne and Monroe Counties at the elementary level.
• Grade 5 students were at the top of Monroe and Wayne County on the New York State Math Assessment.
• The Regents Diploma rate has increased from 57% in 1998 to 93% in 2009.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the appointments of Linda Barber as Substitute Service Supervisor, Janann Phillips and Amy Burdett as summer school nurses, Ian Thomas as a Technology TA, summer painters and Larissa Juliano, Elementary School Librarian/Media Specialist. Under Old Business, the second reading of Policy No. 7505, Academic Eligibility for Extra-Curricular Activities was approved.

Under New Business, the Board approved the Policy Statement for Free and Reduced Price Meals, the Tax Levy in the amount of $8,476,865 for the 2009-2010 School Year, the appropriation of $300,000 (up from $50,000 from original budgeted amount) for the Reduction of Taxes. This means that the tax rate, which was originally set for a 0% increase, will actually be less than the previous year’s rate. The Board also approved the Internal Audit Control Cycle Report dated June 24, 2009, the Corrective Action Plan for the Internal Audit Control Cycle Report dated June 24, 2009, the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Resolution and the mileage reimbursement rate of $.55 cents per mile (2009 IRS standard mileage rate) for the 2009-10 school year. The Board also approved the first readings of Policy 1210, Board of Education Members: Nomination and Election and Policy 3420, Anti-Harassment in the School District and Policy 7541, Student Scholarships.