Vice President Linda Moll opened the July 23, 2008 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Under Announcements, Mrs. Moll indicated that Mr. Collins was out of town on business and Karen Fitzgerald Williams is out due to a family emergency. Superintendent Ehresman reported that several administrators were on vacation and one had a family emergency.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Mrs. Wendy Havens provided an update on the new group of WilliamsonConnects! participants, including some individuals from the Palmyra-Macedon District, that will be working throughout the year with Jamie Sonneville to learn and apply new technologies to benefit student learning. She also stated that preparations are underway for Building Planning Team work in August. Mr. Doug Lauf highlighted students who are on track for August graduation. Miranda Foss is teaching U.S. History and was working on immigration with a student and they are reading the book *Ashes of Roses*. The student contacted the author and had a wonderful discussion with her about her book and why it is titled the way it is. Superintendent Ehresman reported that she met with Ron Mendrick who is going to facilitate the upcoming Board Work Session and that she received the Department of Transportation letter indicating that 94.8% of the District’s vehicles passed the semi-annual inspection. This exceeds the DOT goal of 90%. She recognized the Transportation Department for their efforts in keeping the equipment in good working order.

Board Committee Reports included an update on the Policy and Finance Committees. Mrs. Wendy Havens presented an overview of the Annual Report. Highlights of the achievement of Williamson Central School District students include the following:

- Williamson was recognized by the Board of Regents and New York State Education Department as a “High Performing/Gap Closing” district for the third year in a row.
- 91% of graduating seniors earned Regents diplomas with 57% earning Advanced Regents Diplomas.
- 39% of High School, 58% of Middle School and 76% of Elementary students earned high achiever status during the final marking period.
- The number of discipline referrals decreased at the Elementary school this year.
- Student attendance continues to be very good at all grade levels.

With the approval of the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the appointments of Linda Barber as Substitute Service Supervisor, Sherry Shultz as summer transportation bus driver and monitor, the change in appointment for Kelly Wirthman from Substitute Teacher to Full-Time Salaried Monitor at the High School and the change in appointment for Melissa Plyter from Substitute Teacher to Full Time Monitor, High School. They also accepted the resignation of Terri Bailey, Full Time Student Aide at the Elementary School.
Under New Business, the Board approved the appointments of Diane Osborn, retired teacher, as a .6 Foreign Language Teacher, Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year, and Amanda Bailey, LTS Reading Teacher, Middle School. The Board also approved the policy statement for free and reduced priced meals, the School Lunch and Breakfast Increase for the 2008-2009 School Year, the Tax Levy in the amount of $8,527,023 for the 2008-2009 School Year and the first reading of the updated Attendance Policy. The Board also approved the use of school buses and drivers for the Migrant Center Outreach Program and discussed appointments to Four County School Board Committees.

Superintendent Ehresman requested that there be a Repair Reserve Fund Hearing on August 6th at 7:00 due to fuel tanks that were uncovered in the Middle School/District Office parking lot in the course of repaving those lots. Three tanks were discovered and are in the process of being removed. The tanks will need to be pumped out, removed and the soil will need to be tested for levels of contamination. The contaminated soil will require special treatment and removal. Further project updates included an update on the soccer field. It will not be ready for the opening of the season in September. This is due to soil testing and the wet weather of late. At present the work at the field has been halted until the ground has a chance to dry out.