President Michael Collins opened the August 12, 2009 regular 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 highlighted the tireless work of Ann Dewhirst and Paula Shultes who have been working on developing the Middle School schedule. He complimented them on their thorough work and thanked them for the many hours that they have invested in the task. Ellen Saxby publicly thanked Kevin O’Dell, Jamie Sonneville and Ian Thomas for all of their work on technology this summer including installing the wireless at the Elementary School and in-service sessions. She also thanked Courtney Hill, Daniel Inman, and Jamie Mosley for participating in policy development for cell phone use. Anne Ressler also highlighted Kevin O’Dell for his work on the elementary wireless and thanked the Board for continuing their commitment to smaller class sizes at the elementary level. Wanda Miller recognized Kathy Seyna for her countless hours devoted to the Committee on Special Education as a parent representative. Doug Lauf commented that summer school is coming to a close this week and highlighted Sue Merriett and Christi Batz for their hard work in developing the schedule for High School students for this fall. Mark Schichtel stated that he recently observed the ninth grade summer school students in their classes. He commented that Joe Weinschreider, Jessica Craft and Christi Hout are doing a wonderful job and the students have had fun this summer. He also recognized the cleaning crew for their hard work in preparing the school and Pam Opett for her extra work in getting locker assignments and many other tasks completed in preparation for the opening of the new school year. Wendy Havens commented on the work of Mary Jo Bailey, Beth Moore, Gloria Pierce, Janann Phillips, Diane Flanders and Amy Burdett on the updated attendance procedures for students with chronic absenteeism. Gary Barno stated that the external auditors completed their field work, the state auditors have not presented their formal report to the District and that tax bills are being prepared. Superintendent Ehresman thanked individuals who participated in the work on the cell phone policy, stated that letters went out to staff with schedules for September 2 and 3, new teacher orientation is set for the week after next and mentors have been assigned to new teachers. She also recognized and publicly thanked Tedd Smith for coordinating the celebration of Ronni Steves’ life. He put in a tremendous amount of time and effort for the celebration that was attended by many members of the community.

The Board approved several CSE case summaries as well as the following Consent Agenda items:

- Resignation of Laura Dashnaw, Cafeteria Food Service Worker
- Appointment of 1:1 aides: DeeDee Eaton and Jodi Nelson-Baier
- Appointment of part-time Bus Monitors: Shelly Brothers and Loretta Gage

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- Probationary appointment of Brenda Raymer as a 1:1 aide, High School
- Appointment of Amy Youngs as Elementary School Permanent Building Substitute, Erica Reid as Middle School Permanent Building Substitute and Joanna Alexander as High School Permanent Building Substitute for the 2009-2010 school year
- Appointment of Megan Papponetti, LMSW, as a contractual Social Worker for the 2009-2010 school year (grant funded)
- Appointment of Rachel Young, Special Education Teacher, Elementary School

The Board approved the second reading of the following policies under Old Business:
- Policy No. 1210 – Board of Education Members: Nomination and Election
- Policy No. 3420 – Anti-Harassment in the School District
- Policy No. 7541 – Student Scholarships.

Under New Business, the Board approved the appointments to the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Committee on Special Education for the 2009-10 school year, classified substitutes and teaching substitutes for the 2009-10 school year. The Board also approved the Maternity Leave for Caroline Donovan, the reinstatement of two teaching positions in the elementary tenure area and two Part-Time School Monitor positions, the appointment of Elaine Ashlaw, as a grant funded Part-Time Monitor and the change in tenure area for Emily Hancock from Special Education to Elementary. The Board also accepted a monetary donation from the Williamson PTSA for the purchase of computer monitors (equipment) at the Elementary School and approved the first reading of Policy No. 7413 – Student Use of Electronic Devices. This policy reflects a significant change in the students’ ability to use personal communication devices at school. Students will have to be trained and both students and parent will need to sign an agreement statement acknowledging the policy. The Board also discussed meeting start times and agreed that regular meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.