The Williamson Central School District Board of Education held an Audit/Finance Committee meeting prior to the regular meeting on August 13, 2014. At the meeting, the Board discussed the status of the reserve funds and the tax levy.

Under reports from District Administrators, Amy Vandergrift expressed her appreciation to the district for the wonderful experience she has had in Williamson as a teacher and an administrator. Karen Hoody reported that she worked with Barb Tomeno, Christie Graves, Nancy DeFranco, Jodie Barnes, Kelly Colling, Steve Parker and Carol Fox to establish a new reading benchmark tool for the Elementary School. Kathryn Avery reported that the search has begun for the new Assistant Principal and that it is very hard to see Miss Vandergrift leave. She expressed her appreciation to Amy for the work she has done. She commented that the capital project is moving along and the contractors are working hard to complete the projects. Ellen Saxby highlighted the custodians for their hard work to prepare the building for the start of school. She also expressed her appreciation to Joanne Greaney, Paula Shultes, Jessica Shaver and Bethany Moore for their tireless efforts to prepare for opening day. Wanda Miller reported that there have been a number of CSE/CPSE meetings and she expressed her appreciation to the teachers for attending the meetings during the summer months. John Fulmer also expressed his appreciation for the building custodians as they prepare for opening day while working around various construction projects. Gary Barno reported that the work continues in preparation for a new accounting system. He highlighted Lorie Abbott, Brenda Gowan and Jessica Burggraaff for their efforts to prepare for the conversion. Superintendent Macaluso reported on the administrative workshop that was very successful. He reported that Williamson is part of a grant awarded to BOCES in the amount of nearly $400,000. The grant will be shared among ten districts to assist with assessments. He commented that Hashem Abdunnasir is doing a great job in managing the capital project and it is progressing very well. He expressed his appreciation to Miss Vandergrift and wished her well in the next phase of her career. The board approved several CSE Case Summaries.

With the Consent Agenda, the Board accepted the resignations of Amy Vandergrift, Assistant Principal/grant funded STLE coach, Katelyn Catlin, 2014-2015 long-term substitute Elementary School, Michael Rhoda .40 math teacher High School, and Caroline Donovan, math teacher High School. The board approved the classified and teacher substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year and approved the following appointments:

- Probationary appointment of Jennifer Gasparri, part-time teacher aide
- Probationary appointment of Mary Ellen Stramonine, full-time salaried monitor
- Doreen D’Eufemia, summer student aide, Regents review
- Dustin Shove, High School permanent building substitute for the 2014-2015 school year
- Re-appointment of Katelyn Catlin as a Teaching Assistant
- Child rearing leave for Kristen Collins, Guidance Counselor, High School for the 2014-2015 school year
- 2014-2015 extra-curricular appointment for Kathleen Salitan, FM Coordinator
- 2014-2015 extra-curricular appointment for Carl Comstock, Curriculum Coordinator Math
- 2014-2015 extra-curricular appointment for Michele Fisler, Curriculum Coordinator English
- 2014-2015 extra-curricular appointment for Brian Weeden, Curriculum Coordinator Social Studies
- 2014-2015 extra-curricular appointment for Dan Sherman, Curriculum Coordinator Science
The board approved the appointment of Marygrace Ferrando, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction to the following positions:

- Title IX Compliance Officer
- Records Management Officer
- Records Access Officer
- ADA Compliance Officer

Under New Business the board set the tax levy at $9,380,767 and established the Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions for the 2014-2015 school year and approved the following action items:

- The Committee on Preschool Special Education for the 2014-2015 school year
- The Committee on Special Education for the 2014-2015 school year
- The Committee on Special Education Subcommittee for the 2014-2015 school year
- The termination of Wesley DeGraff, Classified Substitute
- A $0.05 increase to the school lunch at the High School and a $0.15 increase to the school lunch at the Elementary/Middle School per NYS Education Department guidelines bringing the total cost of a school lunch to $2.05/building
- The Teaching Assistant substitute rate of $60/day
- Resolution for Tax Certiorari attorney
- The transfer of up to $200,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund

The board discussed the criteria for the staff exemplary attendance award and approved awards for the following:

Elaine Ashlaw    Nina Caraveo
Aaron Ditty      Joanne Greaney
Rachel Liberatore Alice Sharp
Patricia Sheridan Kathryn Taylor
Colleen Boyce    Virginia Kuryla
Rebecca Ameele  Don Brown
Donna Gobeyn    Diane Luke
David Ochs      Brenda Patrzalek
Nancy Weber     Cathie Abdunnasir
David Baxter    Jodi Bodak
Barbara Bush    Dar Eaton
Matt Elliott    Lori Happ
Kathy Jopson    Merrill Parker
Marshall Smith  Rodney Wise

The board also discussed the District’s Strategic Plan for the 2014-2015 school year. The plan is available to view at www.williamsoncentral.org.