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The August 24th Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. so that the Board could hear a presentation from the Four County School Boards Association. After the presentation the meeting moved to the High School Library. After reopening, the Board approved the consent agenda, which included the donation of two basketball backboards to the Williamson Town Park. They will be used on the basketball courts the park is in the process of developing.

Under Reports to the Board, Laurie Verbridge reported on a recent Building and Grounds Committee meeting. At this meeting, which included several town officials, sites for a temporary skateboard park were discussed. The one option on school grounds is to place this temporary park on the Middle School tennis courts. This option will be discussed further at the September 14th meeting. The Superintendent then reported on the first day of New Teacher Orientation. This is the smallest group of professional staff that has been hired over the past few years because of cutbacks. Because of this, the orientation was changed to include a lunch in town and a bus ride through Williamson, in addition to the normal orientation activities.

Under New Business, the Board approved new math textbooks for grades 6, 7, and 8. It also approved a non-paid leave of absence for Karen Cross for the first semester and her retirement at the end of the leave. The Board then spent some time discussing the focus group questions for the first of the focus groups with parents, prior to the Open Houses this fall. Information on these groups will be going home in each building newsletter. The groups will begin one hour prior to the Open House. Also under New Business, the Board approved the appointment of Erin Furnal as a Teaching Assistant as well as the appointment of Gary Barno as Purchasing Agent.