The September 10, 2008 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. During announcements, Patrick Wright reported that he received a nice comment from a parent about the security change at the Elementary School and Mrs. Ehresman reported that she has had many positive comments on the new sign at the high school.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Wendy Havens recognized Kevin O’Dell, Jamie Sonneville, Ellen Saxby, Mark Schichtel, Rich Rozzi, Laurie Bischoff, Kelly Slater and all of the teachers who have been very positive and supportive with the implementation of Schooltool, the new student information management system. Mr. Doug Lauf reported that the high school is off to a great start for the year. The students are wonderful, excited to be back and responding well to the changes that have been made. On Friday, Jeff Yalden, an MTV celebrity, gave a presentation to the students. Mr. Lauf also highlighted Kathy Johnson for her implementation of differentiated activities in her classroom. Miss Ellen Saxby commented that the Middle School has also had a great start with a delightful new fifth grade class. She stated that the new teachers are very excited and happy. Miss Saxby complimented the cafeteria staff and monitors who have been working very hard to get the students through the lunch line in a timely fashion and keeping the atmosphere positive. Mr. John Fulmer reported on the grade level assemblies that were held to open the year to set a positive tone and review expectations. Mrs. Wanda Miller recognized the speech therapists who have been working hard to make sure all the students’ needs are being met, and Deb Lauf, who is substituting in Amy Bechtold’s absence. She also shared a positive comment that a BOCES employee made about the great reputation of the District. Mr. Gary Barno commented on the implementation of the new financial management system that has been very smooth. Mrs. Ehresman said that she has heard very positive things from teachers, students and community members about the opening of school and she appreciates the hard work that everyone has done to make it happen.

Board Committee Reports included an update on opening day. The Board reviewed the census report which shows a continuing concern about declining enrollment and the Treasurer’s Report. They also approved several CSE case summaries.

Under the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the claims for payment, minutes from the previous meetings, appointments of several substitutes as well as the appointment of Laura Stultz, Long Term Substitute for Robin Mason and the change in appointment of Deana Halldow from six-month Probationary Part-Time Bus Monitor to Permanent Part-Time Bus Monitor. The Board also accepted the resignations of Danette Jones, Part-Time Bus Monitor and of Ellen Prill, Extra Curricular appointment, International Club.
Under New Business, Todd LaBarr presented an update on the capital project. The windows are here and will be installed on Monday. The blinds are currently being installed. The gym lockers for the boys and girls locker rooms arrived on Monday and the height of the top row of lockers makes them very difficult to use. Several solutions have been explored but each has a cost associated with it. The estimated costs to modify the bases for the lockers to allow them to be at the appropriate height range from $10,000-$25,000. There is money left in the project budget to cover the cost. The Board authorized Mrs. Ehresman to approve a change order not to exceed $25,000 to allow the work to be completed quickly so the students can use the lockers.