The September 11, 2013 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Under reports from District Administrators, Ellen Saxby reported that the new teachers are doing a wonderful job and acclimating well. Doug Lauf thanked student council and the advisors Jessica Craft and Gabi Sears. The students came in before the start of school to post motivational messages throughout the building in preparation for the students return to school. He also reported that he has invited student council representatives to speak at the end of forum to share a quote of the day. He announced that Emmy-nominated motivational speaker Mark Brown will be at the high school to present his anti-bullying outreach program to students on Friday 9/13. Thomas Schulte reported that he had the opportunity to talk to Gabi Sears and Diane Greco about the new ELA modules. They reported to him that they have completed the first module and were amazed at the depth of conversation in the classroom. Mr. Schulte remarked that it is a testament to the hard work the teachers have done to prepare and what the modules are intended to bring into the classroom. Wanda Miller reported that Lisa Hendrickson and staff members have been very positive helping students adjust to the new school year. Mrs. Miller highlighted the counselors at the Middle and High Schools to get schedule changes done in a timely manner. Kathryn Taylor commented that the 5th graders have done very well in their transition to the middle school. John Fulmer reported that changes have been made to the study hall this year that provides a better balance between quiet work time and social time with the majority of time spent on work. This change aligns the study hall to the Common Core in a better way and the students have adapted to the change. All the administrators reported that the opening of school has been very smooth. Gary Barno highlighted Jessica Burggraaff and Brenda Gowan for the tremendous amount of work they do over the summer to prepare for the new school year. He also highlighted Watchdog Construction and Hesham Abdunnasir for their work on the Capital Project. He reported that the tax collection process has begun. Mr. Barno shared with the board the changes the state has made to the STAR School Property Tax Relief program. Information about the changes has been posted on the district web page, the district Facebook page and a district news release to the papers. Residents need to complete a new STAR application by December 31, 2013 in order to receive the exemption in 2014. Superintendent Macaluso recognized the administrators and staff for a great opening day. He reported that he spent time in each building on opening day and visited most, if not all, the classrooms. He attributes the successful start of the new year as a tribute to the dedication and hard work of all the faculty and staff. He also expressed his appreciation to the board for their support. He reported that the storm on September 10 caused serious damage to the district phone system. A contingency plan was quickly put in place and repairs to the system are underway. Given the severity of the damage and the age of the phone system, it may be necessary to replace the system rather than repair it.

Gary Barno presented the June Treasurer’s Report and highlighted the extra classroom treasurers for managing the accounts so well. The board approved several CSE Case Summaries.

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Under the Consent Agenda, the board approved the resignation of Constance Myers, full-time student-aide, effective 8/31/13. They also approved the following appointments and change of appointments for:

- Margaret Hinds as a Volunteer
- Teresa Braell as a substitute nurse, effective 9/12/13
- Joseph Delicier, as a Long Term Substitute for James Morris, Cleaner, Elementary School effective 9/5/13
- Salary of Timothy Tyler as Technology Director
- Salary of Jamie Sonneville as .6 Technology Integration Specialist
- Tracy Lessord as a classified substitute
- Probationary appointment of Darlene Hill, part-time playground monitor, effective 9/11/13
- Change in appointment for Donald Geldof from Part-time Bus Driver to Probationary Full-time Bus Driver effective 9/1/13
- Change in appointment for Nicholas Loiacono from classified substitute to Probationary Part-time Bus Driver effective 9/1/13
- Change in appointment for Kim Plyter from Part-time Bus Monitor to Probationary Part-time Bus Driver effective 9/1/13

Under Old Business, the board approved the second reading of Policy 4202 – Organizational Chart.

Under New Business, the board awarded the bid for the Capital Improvement Roof Project to Elmer W. Davis, Inc. in the amount of $673,577 and approved a traveling teacher stipend according to the terms of the WFA contract for the following:

- Ariane Baer-Harper
- Judy Darling
- Paula Dobesh
- Thomas Hollembaek
- Patrice Perez
- Michael Santee
- Jeremy Stringer
- Christi Byron
- Aaron Ditty
- Erica Hernandez
- Manuela Noble
- Meaghan Piccaretto
- Patricia Sheridan

The board discussed a proposal from the Class of 2014 to change the senior class year-end event from a dinner at Belhurst Castle to a white water rafting/hiking event and dinner at Letchworth State Park. After a discussion, the board voted to approve the activity to take place in the spring of 2014.