The September 12, 2012 meeting of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education was opened by Board President Michael Collins. Under Reports from District Administrators, Wanda Miller stated that her report to the state is almost complete and that even though the numbers put us in a category where we have to report, we are doing everything correctly. John Fulmer stated that the school year is off to a good start with an assembly held for each grade level. He highlighted Amy Hanna and Cathie Abdunnasir for their DASA presentation at the assemblies. He also commented that the changes to the lunch schedule and bus dismissal in the morning have been positive. Ellen Saxby reported that the year is off to a good start and she expressed her appreciation to the bus drivers for their patience. She highlighted Patty Sheridan and her current project that teaches the students how they can balance art with literacy. Amy Busby reported that she has been working with the teachers on the new curriculum and that she has enjoyed getting to know all the students. Doug Lauf also commented that the year is off to a good start in the High School with the students focused on academics. Joel Penton, a prominent youth-motivational speaker, spoke on opening day. His Stand Your Ground positive approach was well-received and he thanked Joel and his organization for doing this assembly at no cost to the district. Mr. Lauf expressed his appreciation to the curriculum coordinators Carl Comstock, Dan Sherman, Cindy Ferraro, Michele Fisler and Brian Weeden for their flexibility as they prepare the pre-assessments. Andrew Wahl commented on the shortened change time between classes has resulted in more contact time with teachers. Other changes at the high school this year include shorter lunch times and the removal of the advisement period. Gary Barno advised the board that an audit committee meeting has been scheduled for October 24. Wendy Havens reported that a lot of work has gone into preparing for the Student Learning Objectives (SLO) that most teachers will need as part of the new teacher evaluation system for NYS. She expressed her appreciation to all the staff in the District Office who has assisted in preparing the test materials. The curriculum development is in various stages of implementation due to the delay in receiving materials from the state. She reported that Kevin Cavanagh and Sue Collins implemented the new classroom protocol and that they were already seeing positive results. Superintendent Ehresman reported that the Elementary School experienced power outages this summer and as a result components that were damaged will be difficult to replace. The damage is affecting the wireless network in that building and although we are looking for short term solutions for our obsolete equipment, it will be addressed as part of the Capital Project. She reported the district received notice from Senator Nozzolio’s office that we will receive additional funds of $30,000 in additional aid that will be used for technology purchases and staff development. She also advised the board that a letter will be sent to parents regarding the additional student testing that is taking place as part of the new teacher evaluation system.
Board Committee Reports included comments on Scoops and Schedules at the Middle School, Freshmen Orientation, Opening Day and the PTSA Meeting. It was reported that the PTSA is using facebook to reach out to parents to increase involvement.

The building principals each presented their Building Plans for the 2012-2013 school year. Each building planning team developed a plan that focuses on helping teachers and staff deal with state mandated changes regarding curriculum and teacher evaluation. The common highlights of the plans are on communication, support, team building and celebrating successes.

The Board of Education approved several CSE case summaries and reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Under the Consent Agenda, the board accepted the resignation of Stephen Ola, Special Education Teacher, Middle School and approved the appointments of teacher substitutes, and Renee Harmon, Special Education Teacher, Middle School.

Under Old Business the board approved the second reading of Policy 1330 – Appointments by the Board of Education and Policy 8131 – Civility, Citizenship and Character Education/Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education

Under New Business, the Board approved:

- Travel stipends for several teachers who are shared between buildings
- A change fund in the amount of $50 for athletic events
- Resolution for Lead Evaluators for Teachers
- Resolution for Principal Evaluator
- The remainder of the Policies in the 7000 Series (No Significant Changes)
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- A budget amendment in the amount of $30,000 to be financed from Senator Nozzolio’s legislative grant