The September 17, 2014 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 Marygrace Ferrando reported that she has had several small group meetings with grade level and department level teachers. She is impressed with the dedication and knowledge the teachers demonstrate and she is looking forward to an exciting year. Kathryn Avery commented that things are off to a smooth start at the High School. She reported she has spent the last two weeks in classrooms and it is enjoyable to see the strengths in both teachers and students. She also reported that the turnout for athletic events has been good. Kathryn Taylor commented that the Middle School is also starting out well. She reported that both she and John Fulmer were challenged to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge by the boys’ soccer team. They accepted the challenge in front of the students which provided entertainment for the students and brought the school together for a good cause. Mr. Fulmer reported that the grade level assemblies at the start of the school year provided an opportunity to review the district Code of Conduct and set the standards for the year. He reported that MAPS testing is underway and highlighted Kelly Dixon for the work she does to prepare for the tests. He also reported that the results from the state ELA and Math exams are being sent home to parents and that he had an opportunity to visit Lori Happ’s class where the students are engaged and doing collaborative work. Ellen Saxby reported that the Elementary School students are settling in to their routines and are doing well. She highlighted Karen Hoody for her work with the K-Grade 2 teachers as they are transitioning to a new assessment platform. She expressed her appreciation to school nurses Beth Moore, High School and Jessica Shaver, Middle School for their assistance while the search for a new nurse was underway. The new Elementary School nurse began on September 17. Karen Hoody reported that the new assessment platform rollout has gone very well. She expressed her appreciation to the reading teachers for providing assistance to classroom teachers during the student assessment process. She also thanked Joanne Greaney and Paula Shultes for their support. Wanda Miller highlighted Ben Minier for helping a parent that had car trouble and Juanita Snyder for making suggestions to improve the sports study hall. Gary Barno reported that the district audit for the 2013-2014 school year is complete and a report will be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting. He also reported that at a recent Business Officials meeting they were informed that Medicare rates will be going up significantly. While it will have a small impact on the district, options will be discussed and plans presented to our retirees as soon as possible. Superintendent Macaluso updated the Board on various grants that the district is pursuing. There has been some discussion again around the Wayne County Sales Tax and the school superintendents are monitoring the situation. He also updated the Board on the changes that will be coming for the school budget vote in May 2016 as we are no longer able to use the lever voting machines. A number of school districts are considering the use of paper ballots since the purchase or rental of electronic voting machines is cost prohibitive for school districts. He reported that the administrative cabinet plans to attend a School Administrators Association of New York State conference in October that aligns to the current strategic plan. The cost of the conference will be covered by the STLE grant. School Board President Michael Collins shared information about
the Finger Lakes Manufacturing Enterprise who is seeking more partnerships with businesses and schools to raise awareness about career opportunities in advance manufacturing.

Under Board Reports, Marygrace Ferrando, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, reviewed the Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments. She reminded the board of the change to the cut scores in 2013 which saw an overall decrease in the scores. She reported that while this is an important assessment tool, it is only one piece of the overall data that the district will use to develop strategies that are in line with the District’s strategic plan. Gary Barno presented the June 2014 Treasurer’s report and remarked that the district was able to use less from reserves than anticipated.

The board approved several CSE Case Summaries and with the consent agenda approved the resignation of Ingrid Wander as DASA Coordinator, High School and approved several substitute teachers, volunteer coaches, substitute nurse, extra-curricular appointments, fall sports supervisors and the following appointments:

- Probationary appointment of Tammie Bixby, RN, full-time Elementary School nurse
- Probationary appointment of Debra Mattison as a full-time student aide
- Probationary appointment of Jennifer Clark as a full-time student aide
- Probationary appointment of Janice Briggs as a full-time monitor
- Probationary appointment of Patricia Smith as a part-time bus monitor (additional appointment)
- Probationary appointment of Amy McGregor as a part-time bus monitor (additional appointment)
- Connor Church, permanent building substitute, Elementary School
- Carl Comstock, teacher mentor for the 2014-2015 school year
- Colby Lush as a long-term substitute teaching assistant for Carrie Newby
- Sherri Maine, math teacher, High School

The board also approved an unpaid leave of absence for Theresa Ferré, full-time bus driver for October 2-3, 2014.

Under New Business the board approved the new Finger Lakes Area School Health Plan (FLASHP) Resolution, the report for the Williamson Central School District 2013-2014 fiscal year GASB No. 45 and the five year contract between the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools. In other matters the board approved a stipend for Patricia Sheridan and Christi Byron for additional teaching duties and stipends for the 2014-2015 traveling teachers. Ariane Baer-Harper reviewed the proposed itinerary and anticipated cost of the French Club Trip to France, February 13-21, 2016 to the Board of Education. After the presentation the board approved the trip.