Two meetings of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education were held on September 26, 2007. The first was an Audit Committee meeting during which the Board reviewed audits completed by internal and external auditors. The external auditor, Ray Wager, found the financial position of the district to be positive and proper controls to be in place. The internal auditors, who tested the payroll and personnel functions of the district, made several recommendations for consideration, none of which were considered serious.

The regular meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence. During announcements, Superintendent Ehresman spoke of the untimely death of Sarah Kern Bessey, a member of the Class of 2004. She indicated that there would be recognition of Sarah and David Keiper, another member of the class who was killed in an accident three years ago, at homecoming. President Collins indicated that Vice President Linda Moll was absent from the meeting due to a family obligation.

Under Reports from District Administrators, Mrs. Wendy Havens reported that a group of 40 teachers had been trained in the administration of the Measures of Academic Progress and that testing will begin on October 1. Miss Ellen Saxby recognized Mrs. Cathie Abdunassir and Mrs. Kassie Case for their work on the “I Read to the Principal” Program which allows each fifth grade student the opportunity to read to Mr. Fulmer or Miss Saxby. She also indicated that there are many new SmartBoards in the District and that teachers are taking advantage of the many training sessions that are being offered. Miss Krista Lewis reported that it was a difficult week at the high school with the loss of a graduate. She also commented on Spirit Week which will culminate with a pep rally and soccer games on Friday. She announced that 62 students will participate in the Breast Cancer Walk in Rochester this weekend and commended Tracy O’Hara for her tireless efforts in coordinating the event. Miss Anne Ressler announced that the kick off assembly for the “Let’s Get Moving” initiative will be held on Friday. She also commented that technology is encouraging all elementary staff members to be a community of learners. Mr. John Fulmer commented on the positive experience that students had on the eighth grade team building field trip and that clubs are currently forming at the Middle School. Mrs. Wanda Miller reported on the excellent preparation that special education teachers are getting in the administration of the New York State Alternate Assessment and Mr. Gary Barno commented positively about Ms. Kelly Slater who is a welcome addition to the Business Office. Superintendent Ehresman commented on the Masterminds demonstration that occurred at the high school during lunch. Masterminds is a trivia competition in which students can compete. She also recognized Scott Kingsbury, Martin Bloss, Ben Patrzalek, and Shaun Pulver for their assistance to a student who collapsed at a cross country meet.
Board Committee Reports included updates on the Audit Committee and Buildings and Grounds Meetings. The Buildings and Grounds meeting focused on elements of the upcoming capital project.

Members of the Elementary School Planning Team provided an update on their Action Plans for the 2007-08 school year. Barb Hunn, Joan Miller, Christie Graves, Jodie Barnes, Emily Hancock, Chris Sharp, Alice Sharp, Kris Henner and Anne Ressler reported on the plans. The goals, which are aligned with the District’s strategic plan are:

- By the conclusion of the 2007-08 school year, grade level groups 1-4 will increase or maintain their math proficiency as evidenced by performance on state and local measures.
- By the conclusion of the 2007-08 school year, grade level students K-4 will improve their proficiency in ELA as evidenced by performance on state and local measures.
- By the conclusion of the 2007-08 school year, there will be an increase of at least 2% in first through fourth grade students performing in the high achiever range (3s and 4s) as measured by the end of year report card grades.

The Planning Team members reviewed the various action steps that will take place in order to assist students in their academic growth.

The Board reviewed a report on the Pre-School Census which was completed by Mr. Steve Parker that showed a fairly steady enrollment projection for the next five years with class sizes of approximately 70-80. The Board thanked Mr. Parker for his work. The Treasurer’s Report was also reviewed.

Under the Consent Agenda, three substitutes were appointed, several volunteers were approved and the resignation of Martha Steingraber, School Bus Monitor was accepted. In addition, the following appointments were approved:

- Miranda Foss, Freshman Co-Advisor for the 2007-08 school year
- Mary Freischlag, Intramural Coordinator for the 2007-08 school year
- Karen Hoody, Grade 8 Chairperson for the 2007-08 school year
- John Lucieer, Part-time Bus Monitor
- Deana Halldow, Part-time Bus Monitor
- Jessica Burggraaff, Middle School Clerk Typist
- Colleen Boyce, change in appointment to Student Aide.

Under New Business, the Board discussed articles about bullying and expressed concern about the impact of bullying on victims. The district will be exploring the inclusion of an anti-bullying program and a plan will be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting. The Board also approved the following:

- Special Board Meeting for November 7, 2007 at 7:00
- Three change orders to the capital project
- Appointment of Kate Orbaker as Long Term Substitute for Miranda Foss
- Student Asset Team as an extracurricular activity at the high school
- Addition of three part-time monitors to assist in the kindergarten classrooms.