The March 23rd Board of Education meeting began at 7:00 p.m. because of the capital project plan review that was added to an already full agenda. The Board approved the consent agenda as amended and moved immediately into a series of reports.

The first report was from the Superintendent and dealt with a proposal for increased offerings for summer recreation programs. These are proposed to be offered jointly by the Town Recreation, Town Park, Town Library, and School District. A second meeting to discuss whether this proposal will become a reality is scheduled for March 30th at 4:00 p.m. in the District Office. The next meeting report dealt with the Wayne County Education Coalition meeting that was held March 14th. Plans are moving forward for this joint committee to publish a brochure highlighting the benefits and accomplishments of Wayne County Schools. Assistant Superintendent Wendy Havens shared topics from that afternoon’s Curriculum Council meeting. She had reviewed both the School Report Card and the latest Attendance Achievement Report with this group made up of Curriculum Coordinators from across the District.

The Board approved all of the CSE case summaries. One concern voiced was the fact that a large number of parents had not attended the annual reviews of their children.

Middle School Principal John Fulmer shared the strengths and concerns that had been collected on the 6th grade advisory program. This program will not be continued next year although a different version of it could return in the future if budget constraints lessen.

After reviewing each of the Building Principal’s reports, the Board and public heard a report detailing Williamson’s School Report Card results. Below is a summary of those results:

**2003-2004 School Report Card Highlights**

- **Elementary English Language Arts and Intermediate Math**
  
The percentage of students scoring at competency levels has increased each of the last three years

- **Regents Math Cohort and Regents Diploma Rate**
  
  Performance in these areas has increased each of the last three years

- **State Accountability Status**
  
  All three buildings in the District are in good standing

- **Williamson students exceeded all NCLB standards for the 2003-04 school year**
Williamson students meet or exceed students in **Similar Schools and NYS Public Schools** in all of the eight areas measured.

Our **Regents Diploma** rate has increased over the last three years.

### Regents Diploma Rates

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Under Old Business, work continued on the 2005-06 school year budget. Superintendent Ehresman detailed the cuts that have been made. In all, 5¾ teaching positions will be eliminated along with six stipend positions that will bring the budget to budget increase to 3.83%. A contingent budget for 2005-06 would be set at 3.24%. The Board asked for information on a contingent budget to be included at their next meeting. With the revenue picture unsettled, since the state budget has not been passed, revenues at this point are estimated. Using the governor’s figure for state aid to Williamson, the proposed budget would result in a tax increase of about 4% over last year’s assessed tax rate. The Board will act on this budget at their April 13th meeting.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the Capital Project plans. Below are some of the highlights that were covered:

- The Elementary School playground will be placed where the present wooden playground is
- The CSE Office will be moved from the Middle School to the High School
- The track at the High School will meet the standards to host Section V, as well as invitational meets
- The Middle School multi-purpose room will become the Middle School art room
- The Middle School cafeteria will house Board of Education meetings and will be equipped with two hot lunch lines that are connected directly to the kitchen

A full set of plans on the Elementary, Middle and High School additions and renovations will be brought to the NYS Facilities Planning Department in mid-April for review. Work will begin this summer, with all work completed by December 2006.

Under New Business the Board approved BJ’s adoption of the Williamson Elementary School for the 05-06 school year. This program was brought forward by the PTSA and will allow fundraising costs at the Elementary School to be covered by BJ’s. Also, under New Business the Board approved a $2,000 adjustment in the 2004-05 budget, due to revenue that had been received from the estate of Mary Keane, a former Williamson Elementary School teacher.

The final item under New Business was the Board’s approval of the CSEA contract for July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2008. The Board congratulated all of the negotiators for their efforts in bringing negotiations to a successful and timely end.

After reviewing upcoming meetings, the Board recessed into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.