



**WILLIAMSON CENTRAL SCHOOL
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May 16, 2003

The May 14, 2003 Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Richard Jordan. Under the consent agenda the following substitute teachers were approved:

Diane Blahyj
Diane Martello
Kelly Wirthman
Tracy Mares
Lowell McCaw

Under Reports to the Board, the 3rd quarter Academic Achievement Report was discussed. Several areas of concern were noted. Most important of these was the percentage of students who received failing grades even though they were receiving Academic Achievement Services (AIS). Also of concern to the Board was the number of students who were failing at least one class and the fluctuations in the failure rates among grade levels. A review of root causes for these failure rates and fluctuation rates is underway. Noteworthy accomplishments in academic achievement were also noted. This included the number of students who are on honor or merit roll, high passing rate in Language Arts and also Foreign Languages. These extensive Academic Achievement Reports have provided a useful tool to examine student success, progress and effectiveness of AIS programming.

A number of CSE Cases were passed and the Treasurer's Report reviewed. Also, the Board reviewed the budget that had been amended the previous evening. Using the Legislative budget figures, the Board increased the State Aid projection and the 2003-04 budget total. An additional \$70,000 was added to the instructional area of the budget. On the revenue side, the additional amount added to the State Aid figures resulted in the proposed tax rate for Williamson being lowered to 6.1% from a previous 8.6%.

Under Announcements the following were shared:

- Budget Hearing, May 21st, 7:30 p.m.
- Budget Vote, June 3rd, 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Michelle Fisler receiving the University of Rochester Award for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching
- Michael Vanderbilt and Jamal Abdunnasir being named as ELENBE award winners for their performances in *Footloose*
- Michael Catalano winning a sectional tennis title
- Ben Strickland's art design for the Apple Blossom drawing for the raffle benefiting the Town Park
- The fantastic performance of the Williamson Middle School students in the *Land of Oz* production.