



**WILLIAMSON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
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The February 26<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting began with Announcements/Committee Reports. President Jordan reported that the Public Hearing on Pearsall Road parking was held the night before and that the law passed without any objections. This means that parking will be prohibited .7 miles from Route 21.

Under the Consent Agenda the following coaches were approved for the Spring season:

Jeff Van Hoover	Varsity Boys Track
Carl Comstock	JV Boys Track
Mary Freischlag	Varsity Girls Track
Kate Taylor	JV Girls Track
Dave Bruinix	Junior High Boys Track
Diane Osborn	Junior High Girls Track
Brian Steurrys	Varsity Baseball
Harry Halldow	JV Baseball
Bill Mitchell	Junior High Baseball
Dave DeGroot	Varsity Girls Softball
Scott Kingsbury	Girls JV Softball
Jeff White	Junior High Softball
Kevin Delehanty	Tennis
Mark Cottrell	Golf

There were several reports to the Board on the Agenda. The first was a presentation by John Hayes from VESID. Mr. Hayes explained the services available from his organization for disabled students. These services prepare the students to enter into the world or work after graduation. The second report to the Board was the 5-12 Academic Achievement Report. This report was compiled and presented by Director of Curriculum, Wendy Feeney. The Board expressed concern over some of the failure rates. They also expressed their appreciation for the in-depth look at student achievement this report offers. As part of the District's Strategic Plan, this report is presently quarterly. It looks at the percentage of students on Honor roll, the percent of students passing each course, the passing percent rates of students receiving AIS Services and the number of students failing courses. These reports will be the basis for department and/or grade level meetings in the next few weeks. The final report was the Elementary School Principal's Report. Ms. Ressler's report detailed two major Elementary School happenings. The first of those was the residency of Drummer David Weinberg. The second was the Elementary School reading incentive program for this school year – Welcome to Readerville. This program focuses on the citizens of Readerville, who read a little bit everyday. It includes a kick-off assembly, a mid-program assembly and a final ceremony where the citizens of Readerville are sworn-in.

Under Old Business, several policies underwent final readings and approval. Also, the Superintendent presented a second look at the budget for 2003-04. The budget increase of 1.7% includes the elimination of 3 teaching positions and 5 support staff positions. With these cuts the tax rate is in the 9% range. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the budget was one which they could agree to. They would like to see the tax rate lower, and the Superintendent agreed to continue to look for ways to further reduce expenditures, thus reducing the proposed tax rate. The budget will not be approved until April, giving more time for this process to continue.