

August 9, 2001

Wednesday evening's Board of Education meeting began with Public Participation and Board Committee Reports/Announcements. Under announcements, Board President, Bucky Jordan, announced the resignation of Board member, Amy BennettLepel. A special election will be held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to fill the vacancy left by her resignation. Petitions for interested candidates can be picked up at the District Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. They need to be returned by August 27<sup>th</sup> to be included on the ballot. Bill Herbert reported on his visitation to the Elementary School playground. He reported that the vandalism was minimal but of concern. Board President, Bucky Jordan, had signed a trespassing complaint the evening before the Board Meeting when some of the alleged vandalism occurred.

The Board approved the consent agenda which included approving a substitute teacher, coaches for fall sports and the resignation of Daralee Szklany, School Bus Driver. The Board approved 99 Case Summaries and commended Wanda Miller for her diligence in bringing these cases to the Board. One case was tabled until Executive Session. The Five (5) Year Building Condition Survey was also tabled until a future meeting of the Building & Grounds Committee.

Under New Business the Board set the tax rate for the 2001-2002 school year. The tax rate will increase 6.37% for the Town of Williamson. This is .09% lower than the rate that was presented at the May Budget Hearing. Although there is still uncertainty with the State Budget, the figures that were used last May were very close to those of the Governor's Proposal. The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program was also tentatively approved for the 2001-2002 school year. The program, which is funded completely by State funds, has been included in the Governor's Proposal as a set-aside amount. This means that the district will not receive the funds from the State unless we have a program in place.

Under New Business, the Board approved the awarding of gift certificates to those staff members who had perfect attendance for the past year. Eight teachers and seven support staff members were recognized for their accomplishment. The Board approved Lisa Hendrickson as a long term Special Education Substitute for the Middle School Program. The resignation of Janice Aglietti, Physical Therapist, was also accepted.

The August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Education will be cancelled. The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. New Teacher Orientation will also take place on August 27<sup>th</sup> earlier in the day.

After Public Participation the meeting was recessed to Executive Session until 10:01 p.m. when the Board returned to Public Session. At that time, action on a CSE Case was tabled until the next Board Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.