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The consent agenda included the appointment of Chris Castellan as Marching Band Instructor and Pam Sonnevile as Chief Inspector for the May Budget Vote.

The Board approved a number of CSE Case Summaries and heard a report on assessments made by Director of Curriculum, Wendy Feeney. They examined test questions for the Grade 8 NYS Math and ELA exams and examined Williamson student's responses to these questions. Next, Linda Barber reported on proposed upgrades to the High School soccer field from the Civic Betterment Association. This work would need to begin in the next few weeks if the field is to be ready for Fall play.

A first reading of an updated policy on field trips was read. The update mandates that a written request for alternate transportation to or from a field trip or sporting event must be obtained from a parent.

Under New Business, the Board approved the BOCES Administrative Budget for 2002-03 and cast three ballots for the election of three BOCES Board of Education trustees. The Board also approved the 2002-03 school budget for Williamson. The budget includes a 3.06% increase in expenditures. The proposed tax rate for the Town of Williamson residents is 6.29%. The main increases in spending are for salary and health insurance increases. This budget also includes the elimination of two teaching positions, an administrative position, support staff positions and a 50% decrease in staff development and curriculum writing. The revenue from New York State is still uncertain, but this proposed tax rate leaves the State's share at the level proposed by the Governor in January. Once a New York State budget is adopted, the tax rate may be adjusted.

At the conclusion of the regular meeting audience members commented on the budget and budget process.