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The January 23rd Board meeting began with Committee Reports. Laurie Verbridge reported on the Bicentennial Committee happenings and the DARE Graduation she had attended. Gretchen Craft reported on her recent visit to the Bus Garage and the facility improvements that have recently happened there. Trustee Deb Larson reported on her attendance at the parent focus group meeting the week before and her attendance at the Technology Committee Meeting. President Richard Jordan shared information from the Town Board Meeting he had attended the previous evening. At that meeting he learned that the roadwork in front of the Middle School is scheduled for 2005 and will include a pull-off area in front of the Middle School, installed curbing and a sidewalk. Consideration will be given to the school schedule so that disruption of transportation can be minimized.

Under the Consent Agenda substitutes were approved and 2 resignations were accepted. Mark Hill was approved as a Senior Bus Mechanic and Aaron DeNeef was approved as a Bus Mechanic. The Financial Report on Extra-Classroom Funds was tabled until the February Board Meeting.

Building Principals reported on recent happenings in their buildings. Elementary School Principal, Anne Ressler, played a videotape from Channel XXI on which Williamson students shared book reviews. Middle School Principal, Russ Kissinger, shared data showing a decrease in the number of students who had been sent out of class to the Restricted Work Room. Dan Starr's report focused on successes of the High School students in the recent month which included Allison Huff's placing 1st in the Greater Rochester American Legion Oratorical Competition

An extensive report on the District's Reading Program was shared by Wendy Feeney, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. The report focused on programs that have been initiated in each building, data showing rates of growth and suggestions for future steps. Increasing reading achievement and ensuring that all students can read at or above grade level have been major goal areas over the past three years.

Under Old Business, one policy was given final approval and discussion begun on revising the policy of fundraising. The policy of fundraising will be reviewed again at the next meeting. Approval was given by the Board for funding for the upcoming Technology Project. The project was approved by the voters in May of 2000 and work is scheduled to begin in March.

Under New Business the AFS trip to LeNoir, N.C. was approved. A petition to the Town Board for a reduced speed zone in front of the Middle School was also approved. Scott Kingsbury was approved for tenure and the employment of a Middle School Special Education Teacher was terminated.

Notice of the upcoming meetings and the Focus Group Meeting on January 30th in the Middle School Multi-Purpose Room was given. All community members who have not attended a focus group this winter are welcome to attend.