



**WILLIAMSON CENTRAL SCHOOL
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Board Members shared some of their most recent activities, which included:

- Breakfast of Champions at the High School to recognize students who had achieved High Honor Roll status during 2002-2003 school year. A special “thank you” to Mrs. Forget and her staff for a great meal!
- Jazz Ensemble which entertained and enriched all Middle School students earlier this week.
- Elementary School walk-through prior to tonight’s meeting. A special “thank you” to the Elementary School Building and Grounds staff for the excellent work they are doing to keep this building in top shape.

Under Reports to the Board, Special Education cases were approved and each Building Principal reported on recent happenings in their buildings. Anne Ressler, Elementary School Principal, reported on a trip to the Memorial Art Gallery and reactions from her staff on the book they have been reading entitled, What Really Matters for Struggling Readers. The Middle School Principal, Russ Kissinger, reported on several enrichment activities. These included a visit to 5th grade by poet M.J. Iuppa, a Holocaust presentation to 6th graders, and a visit from a Buffalo soldier to 5th grades. The High School Principal’s report highlighted the end of the year happenings, including the Spring Sports Award program on June 5th. The guest speaker for this program will be Wayne Soares of ESPN and Walt Disney, Inc. Mr. Soares topic will be the importance of perseverance.

Director of Curriculum, Wendy Feeney, reported on the recent NYS Elementary and Intermediate English Language Arts Assessments. In Williamson, 71% of Grade 4 students scored at the competent or highly competent level. Sixty-four percent of 8th graders scored in that range. These percentages are above the State, County, and similar schools averages. It is important to note that this was the first assessment where Special Education students were tested without test modifications.

The final report to the Board was on the *Breakthrough to Literacy* program. This program is being used by all Kindergarten classes this year. It is a research-based program with a proven record of increasing student’s reading achievement. It includes fifteen minutes of daily computer use which reinforces skills individually for students. It also includes work on comprehension, phonics, fluency, and vocabulary.

Under new business, the following staff were awarded tenure:

Anne Ressler, Elementary School Principal

Elementary School: Jodie Barnes, Anna Carey, Carol Fox, Donna Shadduck,
Mary Jo TenEyck, Shannon Tipper, Ian Thomas

Middle School: Amy Bechtold, Lori Finkelstein, JoAnn Hussion

High School: Thomas Hollembaek

Members of this year’s Junior Class were present to seek Board approval for their senior class trip to Florida in November 2003. This is a change from the traditional trip in the spring. The hope is that more students will attend, and the camaraderie that develops on their trip will extend throughout the school year.

Under appointments, Joe Mastrangelo was approved as a secondary Math teacher and Doug Lauf as High School Principal. Doug is presently an Assistant Principal at Churchville-Chili and has taught both at Churchville and the Rochester City Schools. He will begin in Williamson on July 1st.

Under announcements, Community members were reminded that the budget vote is scheduled for this Tuesday, June 3rd from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m.