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At the beginning of the August 14<sup>th</sup> Board of Education Meeting members shared some of their latest activities. Bill Herbert spoke of his trip to the University of Western Michigan. Gretchen Craft had attended a Strategic Planning Meeting, Adam Vitalone had chaired the recent Finance Committee Meeting and President Jordan spoke of his work with the Town Park Committee.

Under the consent agenda the Board approved substitute teachers and appointed Leslie Wing as a teacher aide and Tom Hughes as a full-time bus driver.

A large group of CSE Case Summaries were approved and the Board discussed the improvements being made to the High School Technology Room in the present capital project. Improvements will be made including the demolition of a wall, so that the lab will be equipped with combination computer/drafting tables.

Under new business, the resignation of David Fitch as Middle School Math Teacher was approved. The following appointments were also approved:

Christie Graves – Grade 1 Teacher

Kate Helmbold – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

Michael Mack – Middle School Technology Teacher

Lynn Harhay – High School English

Ellen Saxby – Elementary School Enrichment Teacher/Coordinator

May McCarthy – High School Spanish Teacher

Martha Schillaci – High School Special Education Teacher

The Board discussed and then approved increasing the School Lunch price from \$1.00 to \$1.25. The increase was the first one since the 1997-98 school year and still keeps Williamson's school lunch prices the second lowest in the County. The Board approved amending the budget to reflect the recent refinancing of building loans prompted by changes in New York State law. Also approved was the tax rate for 2002-03. The rate increase will be the same as predicted during the budget hearings this Spring – 6.29%. For Williamson residents that translates to a rate of \$22.36 per thousand of assessed value.