

JOINT TOWN BOARD AND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**WILLIAMSON CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 15, 2005**

The joint meeting of the Board of Education of the Williamson Central School District and the Williamson Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Williamson Town Supervisor James Hoffman at the Williamson Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and a moment of silence was observed.

Williamson Central
School District

Trustees Present: President Richard Jordan
Vice President Linda Moll
Michael Collins
Gretchen Craft
Laurie Verbridge

Town of Williamson

Trustees Present: James Hoffman
Charles Monsees
Gary Orbaker
Anthony Verno

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Trustees Absent: Elliott Warren

Others Present:

Maria Ehresman, Superintendent of Schools
Wendy Havens, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Nancy Weber, Director of Transportation
Jerry Hubright, Larry Luke, Ed Merriett, Pam Rogers (Sun & Record)

Public Participation – None

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Announcements – None

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New Business –

Superintendent Maria Ehresman discussed the District's Capital Project, which will require excavating and removal of old diesel tanks prior to the installation of a new aboveground fueling station. She stated there would be a lapse of two and a half (2 ½) months once removal is complete before the new fueling station is installed, creating a fuel need for the buses. Highway Superintendent Jerry Hubright stated that an agreement could be worked out for the District to use the Town's fuel card system during July and August. Prior to implementing this would require the Town notifying the fuel provider in advance of the increased fuel need. This would allow adequate and timely fuel delivery. Also he stated that in June an account would need to be established for the District's use during that time. Transportation Director, Nancy Weber shared the District's fuel usage from last summer.

**Short Term
Fueling Needs**

Superintendent Maria Ehresman reported that the District originally approved a wash bay for the buses in the Capital Project. Recently, it was dropped because of financial concerns. A potential joint vehicle-washing bay shared with the Town of Williamson was discussed. While it was noted that it was not necessary to make a decision at this time, the District is inquiring the Town's interest. The cost for a vehicle wash bay would be \$300,000 - \$400,000, with out of pocket costs being about 17 % (percent). Also discussed was the opportunity for pursuing a grant. The Town representatives stated the size of the wash bay would need to be twelve foot (12') to accommodate town trucks with plows. In order to receive state aid, the location would need to be on school property. Highway Superintendent Jerry Hubright stated that he would discuss this with other highway supervisors who have joint wash bay facilities and gather this information for further School and Town discussions.

**Joint Vehicle
Washing Bay**

Town Supervisor James Hoffman stated there are many different options for building a community center. Since there is an interest in this, the next step would be establishing a committee. Mrs. Ehresman commented that the Town of Webster's Community Center is a joint venture with their school district. Mr. Hoffman commented that the Community Center in Newark is a private venture that took five (5) years to complete.

**Community
Center**

Larry Luke stated that it is important to decide what the community center wants before moving forward. He also commented that the Park Committee plans to have a gym-sized building in its long-range plan. In order to garner state aid, any buildings would need to be built on school grounds. Mr. Luke stated that we need to answer the question, "What is a community center?" Town Board Member, Anthony Verno suggested that the committee would define what the community center would be.

Mr. Luke and Mr. Merriett stated they would be partial to expanding the activities of the Parks and Recreation Department but currently there is lack of space to hold such activities. Mrs. Ehresman stated that some of the Nozzolio money would be used to fund summer camp this year. Efforts for this will begin in January 2006. Mr. Merriett commented on having the groundwork in place to apply for grant money. Resolutions would be need from the Town Board and School Board.

Mr. Hoffman suggested establishing a committee and determining who shall be on it. Town Board and School Board members collaborated on potential committee members including local businesses and organizations. Mrs. Ehresman and Mr. Hoffman will coordinate drafting a letter and developing a list of local organizations and businesses that would be approached for support in this effort. Town Board and School Board members discussed facilitating the initial meeting and charging the committee with developing recommendations for a community center. A date of January 30, 2006 was set for this initial meeting. This meeting would be open to all stakeholders, as well as, to town organizations who would receive letters of invitation.

Old Business –

School Board Member, Laurie Verbridge stated that a location is needed for a temporary skate park. Mr. Monsees commented that a skate park would need to be in an area that was visible to the public. Mr. Merriett commented that he has always been open to a skate park and that the basketball courts could be used as a temporary location. He stated the park committee would need to research and approve this; it will be put on their agenda and discussed at an upcoming meeting.

**Temporary Skate
Park**

Moved by Charles Monsees, seconded by Gary Orbaker and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Adjourn

Wendy Havens
District Clerk