Chairman Arlene Liscinsky called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call

**In Attendance:** Arlene Liscinsky, Chairperson, Win Oppel, Vice Chairperson, Faith Hack, Tom Minotti.

**Also In Attendance:** Mark Holden, Board of Education Chairman, Kathy Yolish, Board of Education member, Kate Kutash, (5:09 PM), Board of Education member, Dominic Barone, Finance Director, Freeman Burr, Superintendent, Chris Clouet, Incoming new Superintendent, John Calhoun, Director of Maintenance, Darlissa Ritter, candidate for the BOE and Anne Gaydos, (arrived @ 5:08 PM) candidate for the BOE.

**Absent:** (Unexcused) – Jay Francino-Quinn

**Tom Minotti moved to approve the agenda for the meeting. Faith Hack seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.**

**Tom Minotti moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2015. Win Oppel seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.**

Two handouts of the YTD Object Summary (L2) were handed out. One was for the 2014-2015 fiscal year expenditures which were discussed at the September meeting. The other L2 was for the 2015-2016 fiscal year period covering 7/1/15 through 9/30/15.

Dominic Barone reported that everything is tracking as expected for the current year. He advised the board of a few updates.

**Benefits:** We will be watching the insurance as this is always the wildcard because we are self-insured. We don’t know what this year is bringing yet because it is too early to tell. Dominic advised that now that we have a couple of years’ experience we can start looking at trends in this area.

**Tuition:** Mr. Burr advised that we could expect some potential out of district placements in the next few months.

**Transportation:** The main encumbrance for the Landmark Transportation will be processed in October. The city entered into a propane deal for the buses. They locked in 125,000 gallons of propane at $1.12. The BOE has prepaid this already. A brief discussion was had.

**Equipment:** This is difficult to compare because last year the city took over a lot of the equipment expenses. Dominic advised that there is some need for equipment in the school system and this might be an opportunity to see if the city can help us with this using the aldermanic bonding that was set aside. Mr. Burr asked if we still have technology needs from last year that the mayor promised $100,000 for that was never received by the BOE. Mr. Barone advised that that the technology needs still exist. We have a grant for some of the technology needs but not enough to cover all of them.
Tom Minotti moved to approve the check registers and YTD Object Summary (L2) as presented. Faith Hack seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried.

The food service contract is extended through October. We are hoping to get the amended contract done by the state soon. Sodexo feels that they have made some improvements with reducing some costs. Dominic advised that we can have them come in and talk to the board about the changes. This can be done when we go out to bid.

Dominic advised that we will be putting in new POS systems in all of the cafeterias. The ones in service now are constantly going down.

The BOE has hired a company called Tristate for $5,000 to help with the ACA filing in January. There is a significant amount of filing that has to be done with the affordable care act. The city is also hiring this company to help them as well.

Building Subs: We currently have 15 building subs hired throughout the system. There will be a few more hired for a total of 17.

Dominic advised that the budget calendars will be set up next month.

**Facilities Projects**

**SSS Roof:** Mr. Barone advised that they met with the state on 10/13/15 and received the approval letter. Everything is good to go. Mark Holden advised that he was at a meeting this past week where John Anglace spoke specifically about the SSS roof project. Mr. Anglace wants the people to know that the city is determined to get this roof done as quickly as possible. They expect construction work will start the first week of November. Mr. Anglace also advised that they will work all winter long until the job is done. They also recognize that the work cannot be done while the children are in school.

**SHS Fire Code Compliance:** Mr. Barone advised that they met with the state on 10/20/15 on the SHS fire code compliance. The meeting went very well. Joe Desanti, our construction consultant, Joe Pierz, the architect, the Mayor, and Don Sheehy the chairman of the SHS building committee also were at the meeting. They all met with Kermit Thompson at the state. The end result of this meeting is that the architect needs to finalize his plans and Dominic needs to do some research going back to the construction. If the architect can get his plans done by the next BOE meeting Dominic would like to get this added to the BOE agenda as new business and get the plans approved so we can move forward.

Win Oppel asked what needs to be done and what the architect’s plans are for. Mr. Burr and Mr. Barone advised that the plans are for remediating the fire code violations which includes sprinklers above the ceiling levels, closures etc. Mr. Oppel would like Dominic to send the plans to the board members so that they can review them before the BOE meeting to make sure everything is outlined in the plans. A lengthy discussion was had.

Dominic Barone advised the board that he will get in touch with Joe Pierz to set up a meeting with the board to go over the plans that are to be submitted for approval.

**Fortification Projects:** Dominic advised that they need to meet with the state on three separate projects.

Win Oppel advised that a suggestion was made regarding the completion of the SHS and PHS projects. The suggestion that has been made but not yet accepted is that the city should put $180,000 in a line item on their
side of the budget that the BOE could draw from that line to finish the punch list items. The board would then do the punch list of projects that need to be completed. In return for doing that the BOE would vote to accept the two buildings.

John Calhoun, the new Director of Maintenance, gave a handout to everyone outlining the issues and accomplishments for the month of October, his first month as Director of Maintenance, as well as goals and objectives for the month of November. He advised that he met with each building administrator to discuss their issues and concerns, as well as doing a walk through at each building. John proceeded to discuss the handout.

Dominic Barone handed out a proposed revised building use fee schedule for profit and non-profit organizations for the Board to review and approve. A discussion was had. Arlene Liscinsky suggested that everyone look over the fee schedule and they can vote on it at the next board meeting.

There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted;

Teresa Milyo
Recording Secretary