The Meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Blake Building, 25 Ogden Street, West Haven. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John M. Picard at 6:00 PM. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**
M. Toni Paine  
Gerald A. Calabritto  
Howard Horvath Jr.  
Eric Murillo  
Mark Palmieri  
Patrick Egolum  
Robert Saley  
Andrew DePalma  
T. Sean Maher

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**
Dr. JoAnn Andrees, Superintendent  
Neil Cavallaro, Assistant Superintendent  
Mayor John M. Picard

**Organization**
Mayor Picard stated that this is an organizational meeting for the Board of Education per Chapter IX, City Charter of the City of West Haven. The first order of business is to elect a Chair. Nominations for Chair please.

A Motion was made by Howard Horvath to nominate M. Toni Paine. The motion was seconded by T. Sean Maher.

Mayor Picard asked if there were any other nominations for Chair.

A Motion was made by Eric Murillo to nominate Mark Palmieri. The motion was seconded by Andrew DePalma.

Mayor Picard asked if there were any other nominations for Chair.  
Mayor Picard asked for the second time if there were any other nominations for Chair.  
Mayor Picard asked for the third time if there were any other nominations for Chair.

There being no further nominations for Chair Mayor Picard requested a roll call vote: Mayor Picard clarified that there are two people Mr. Palmieri and Mrs. Paine. Vote for either Mr. Palmieri or Mrs. Paine.
Mayor John M. Picard, the vote 6 for Mark Palmieri and 3 for Toni Paine.

Mr. Palmieri you are Chairman of the Board of Education.

Mr. Palmieri visited all board members and thanked them.

He thanked the members of the board for giving him the opportunity to serve as Chairman for the next two years. He recognized his family who were at the meeting and always support him for all his undertakings. He acknowledged and thanked the Democratic Party for the opportunity to stand for election and serve on this board. He is looking forward to working with the City Administrators, Mayor, our administrators, the members of the board and most importantly the residents of our community to ensure that our children receive the best education we are capable of providing them. He is a life long resident of the City and truly loves it. He is most proud of the quality of education that his children are receiving and for that he thanked all the teachers, administrators and all the others who make this possible. We have an excellent school system and he believes together we can make it even better. He issued a challenge to everyone in the room that we begin to look into the future so that together we can do whatever is necessary to prepare this generation of students for whatever awaits in the global economy we live in. He gave thanks and for his first official act as Chairman of the Board of Education he called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

A Motion was made by Toni Paine to nominate Gerald A. Calabritto. The motion was seconded by Howard Horvath.

Chairman Palmieri asked if there were any other nominations.

A Motion was made by Eric Murillo to nominate Robert Saley. The motion was seconded by Andy DePalma.

Chairman Palmieri asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chair. For a second time do we have any other nominations for Vice Chair. For a third and final time do we have any other nominations for Vice Chair.

Chairman Palmieri asked for a roll call vote:
Howard Horvath – Jerry Calabritto  
T. Sean Maher – Jerry Calabritto  
Toni Paine – Jerry Calabritto  
Gerald Calabritto – Jerry Calabritto  
Eric Murillo – Rob Saley  
Patrick Egolum – Rob Saley  
Andrew DePalma – Rob Saley  
Robert Saley – Rob Saley  
Mark Palmieri – Rob Saley

Chairman Palmieri, 5 for Saley and 4 for Calabritto. Mr. Saley you are Vice Chair.

Robert Saley thanked everyone and Chairman Palmieri asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

Andrew DePalma made a motion to nominate Eric Murillo for Secretary/Treasurer. Jerry Calabritto seconded the motion.

Chairman Palmieri asked three times if there were further nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

There were no further nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.  
All were in favor of Eric Murillo as Secretary/Treasurer  
No one was opposed  
No one abstained  
Chairman Palmieri, Mr. Murillo you are Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Murillo thanked everyone.

Chairman Palmieri asked for a motion for adjournment.  
Eric Murillo made a motion to adjourn.  
Andrew DePalma seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marylou C. Amendola  
Board Secretary