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 Borer at 7:00 p.m. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**
- Raymond Collins
- John Carrano
- George Monahan
- Robert Guthrie
- Anne Heffeman
- Paul Messina
- Toni Paine
- Howard Horvath
- Krista Pickering

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**
- Superintendent Paul Tortora
- Assistant Superintendent Neil Cavallaro
- Mayor H. Richard Borer

**B. PUBLIC PORTION**

Mayor Borer asked if anyone wished to address the Board.
Mayor Borer asked for a second and third time if anyone wished to address the Board
No one spoke so the Public Portion of the meeting was closed at 7:05 pm

**C. Organization**

Organization of the Board of Education per Chapter IX, City Charter of the City of West Haven.

Mayor Borer:

Before I open the nominations, I see two other former Board Members who are here. I think that is really nice that they came here to show their obvious commitment to the Board of Education. I was not here at your last meeting, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your service. Ursula Reilly and Joe Esposito also thank you for being here tonight. At this time we will open the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Education and then the Chairman will take the seat and go on with the election of the other officers.

A MOTION was made by Paul Messina to nominate Robert Guthrie for Chairman of the Board of Education. The Motion was seconded by Raymond Collins

Mr. Monahan:
Mr. Mayor, the nomination of the Chairman is our first and extremely important task that we are faced with here at the Board of Education. And as a new member first of all it is an honor to be here. That I propose to do everything in my power to always do what is in the best interest of the children, to cooperate as a team member and move forward together achieving great things. I don’t think anyone who has witnessed the Board for the last two years, could say in anyway that former Chairman Guthrie was not an extremely hard working member of this Board, probably
one of the hardest working members the Board has seen in a long time and all of us owe him a great deal of gratitude for that.

Having said that, the seat of Chair is an extremely responsible seat and that your obligation is to steer the ship per say, try to promote cooperation and team work. The first and foremost to be the leader and as a leader you are charged with the most important responsibility to follow the Board’s or Organizations own rules and unfortunately, The Chairman might have been distracted and I’m not saying anything out of school here because, I have mentioned to him and discussed it with him both privately and publicly in the past. But their was some distractions where he was basically violating this Board’s own by-laws and rules. And having said that I would like to nominate John Carrano to be the elect Chairman of this Board.

MOTION was made by George Monahan to nominate John Carrano for Chairman of the Board. The MOTION was SECONDED by M. Toni Paine


John Carrano was elected by a 5 to 4 vote

Chairman John Carrano asked for nomination for Vice-Chairman

A MOTION was made by Anne Heffernan to nominate M. Toni Paine for Vice-Chairman The MOTION was SECONDED by George Monahan

A MOTION was made by Raymond Collins for Robert Guthrie for Vice-Chairman The MOTION was SECONDED by Paul Messina


M. Toni Paine was elected by a 6 to 3 vote

Chairman John Carrano asked for nomination for Secretary/Treasurer

A MOTION was made by Anne Heffernan to nominate Ray Collins
The MOTION was SECONDED by M. Toni Paine

Chairman John Carrano asked for any other nominations for secretary three times.
No other nominations were made.
Ray Collin was elected by a unanimous vote.
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Chairman John Carrano asked for Motion to adjourn

A MOTION to as made by Paul Messina to adjourn
The MOTION was SECONDED by Anne Heffernan at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rose McDonnell
Board Secretary

* These minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Education