The Organizational Meeting for the Board of Education was held in the Harriet North Room of City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edward M. O’Brien at 7:00 PM. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**
- Betsy Davis
- Patrick Egolum
- Robert Guthrie
- Patricia Libero
- James W. Morrisey
- Mark P. Palmieri
- Rosa Richardson
- Rosemary Russo
- Cebi Waterfield

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:**
- Mayor Edward M. O’Brien

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**
- Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent
- Anne Druzolowski, Asst. Superintendent

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

Organization

Mayor O’Brien welcomed everyone and stated that this is an organizational meeting for the Board of Education. Mayor O’Brien then requested nominations for Chairman.

Rosa Richardson nominated Pat Libero
Mayor O’Brien asked for a second
Bob Guthrie seconded the motion
Mayor O’Brien asked if there were any other nominations.
Cebi Waterfield nominated Mark Palmieri
Mayor O’Brien asked for a second
Patrick Egolum seconded the motion
Mayor O’Brien asked if there were any other nominations.
There were no other nominations.
Mayor O’Brien requested a roll call vote:

- Bob Guthrie voted for Pat Libero
- Rosemary Russo voted for Pat Libero
- Pat Libero voted for herself
- Jim Morrissey voted for Pat Libero
- Cebi Waterfield voted for Mark Palmieri
- Betsy Davis voted for Mark Palmieri
- Rosa Richardson voted for Pat Libero
- Patrick Egolum voted for Mark Palmieri
- Mark Palmieri voted for himself

The vote was 5 to 4 in favor of Pat Libero APPLAUSE

Chairman Pat Libero thanked everyone and said we now have to elect a Vice-Chair
Chairman Libero asked for nominations for a Vice Chair
Betsy Davis nominated Cebi Waterfield for Vice Chair
Mark Palmieri seconded the nomination.
Pat Libero asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chair
Rosemary Russo nominated Jim Morrissey
Bob Guthrie seconded the nomination
Chairman Libero asked if there were any other nominations
There were no other nominations
Nominations are closed and Chairman Libero requested a roll call vote

- Bob Guthrie voted for Jim Morrissey
- Rosemary Russo voted for Jim Morrissey
- Jim Morrissey voted for himself
- Pat Libero voted last for Jim Morrissey
- Cebi Waterfield voted for herself
- Betsy Davis voted for Cebi Waterfield
- Rosa Richardson voted for Jim Morrissey
- Patrick Egolum voted for Cebi Waterfield
- Mark Palmieri voted for Cebi Waterfield

The vote was 5 to 4 for Jim Morrissey APPLAUSE
Chairman Libero congratulated Jim Morrissey the Vice Chair

Chairman Libero asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer
Mark Palmieri nominated Betsy Davis
Cebi Waterfield seconded the nomination
Chairman Libero asked if there were any other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer
There were no other nominations
It is unanimous Betsy Davis is the Secretary/Treasurer APPLAUSE
Chairman Libero congratulated Betsy Davis the Secretary/Treasurer
Chairman Libero said I look forward to working with all of you. I have worked with most of you in the past and found it to be very pleasurable. Mark Twain said that the greatness of the nation is based on its public schools. We have great public schools here, a great public system, great teachers, great administrators, and we have absolutely great kids; and we just need to maximize this more than we have in the past. I think we have a group here that can do this and we can work together. We are here for the kids. We are here to work for the children; that is our main goal. We want them to get a good education and be prepared for life and that should be our direction every time we make a decision.

I appreciate all of your time and energy. This is a voluntary position and sometimes it is not really rewarding and sometimes it is very rewarding and the rewarding part of it absolutely makes up for the times when it is just like drudgery and you are thinking how are we going to make these decisions and how are we going to get through this.

Chairman Libero said she looks forward to working with all the members of the board and is sure we will have a great two years together. APPLAUSE
Chairman Libero asked for a motion to adjourn
Cebi Waterfield made the motion
Betsy Davis seconded the motion
All board members were in favor
The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Secretary