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TOWN AND CITY OF WEST HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
OF WEST HAVEN ORGANIZATION MEETING

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The Organization Meeting for the Board of Education was held in the Board's Meeting Room in City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nancy R. Rossi at 6:01 PM. The meeting opened with a pledge to the flag.

**BOARD MEMBERS
IN ATTENDANCE:**

Patrick Egolum
Robert Guthrie
Anne Heffernan
Patricia Libero
Rosa Richardson
James W. Morrissey
Rosemary Russo
Andrea Talamelli
Cebi Waterfield

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Neil Cavallaro, Superintendent of Schools
Matt Cavallaro, Director of Finance

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Nancy Rossi

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
PRESENT:**

Brendan Carew
Mackenzie Gardner

Organization

Mayor Rossi called the Board of Education Organization Meeting to order at 6:01 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Rossi said she asked Attorney Lee Tiernan to make a few brief comments. We are going to do our best to get FOI Training in here. Tom Hennick will come any night and we want to make sure all board members old and new have this training.

Attorney Tiernan said first of all the community is grateful that you are willing to run for office and do public service and for people that do public service the state, believe it or not, affords you some protection as long as you are reasonable. If you get yourselves in trouble or find yourselves on the end of a lawsuit for the work that you do for the city for work that is subject of what you are supposed to be doing here on the Board of Education you do have protections. Informational papers from the Chief Attorney of the Attorney General's Office dated December 14, 2009 were passed out to board members that explained those protections. You have to be careful, you can't be reckless or engaged in activities that don't relate to what you are supposed to be doing here at the Board of Ed and expect we are going to protect you. This is only an example of how you can get yourself in trouble. A lot of times people like