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Chairperson Julia Cronin
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Chairperson Cronin:

We are writing this letter to express our concern with the Board of Education's lack of process and adherence to the State of Connecticut's Freedom of Information requirements. This was most recently demonstrated during the Board's June 18th and July 10th Special Meetings. In the former a Board vacancy was filled in a questionable manner and in the latter the Board discussed the performance of the chairman, an item which was not on the agenda. In addition, the board considered going into Executive Session in conflict with FOI regulations.

There has also been a lack of attention to the budget and authorization process and a consistent deficiency in meeting documentation including correspondence for review by the public. In addition, there has been failure to post some meeting records of votes and minutes within the required time allowed by FOI.

These practices do not contribute to the public's trust in government and have the potential to result in costly litigation. To avoid these deficiencies the Board has been encouraged to participate in several FOI training sessions but has shown little interest in the benefits of this training.

To avoid future violations and the associated liability to the town we would strongly encourage the Board to schedule a training session with Connecticut's Freedom of Information Commission at the earliest possible date.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to further discuss this issue.

Respectfully,

Linda C Davis

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Town Council Chairman

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