## LONGPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting February 21, 2024

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey adequate notice of this rescheduled regular meeting has been provided. On January 7, 2023 written notice of this regular meeting was posted in Longport Borough Hall. On that same date written notice was sent to The Press

The meeting of the Longport Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Weeks, Board Secretary, in the Mayor's Chambers, Borough of Longport, February 21, 2024. 7:00 PM.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE** – Mr. Slaven took the oath of office as a member of the Longport Board of Education. Mrs. Weeks provided the oath.

**Board Member Ethics** – Mr. Slaven acknowledged receipt and understanding of the School Board Member Ethics Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Schwegman and Mr. Slaven

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

**OTHERS PRESENT**: T. Weeks, School Business Administrator, K. Miller, Solicitor, D. Teichman, T. Thalassinos

Mr. Schwegman led all present in a flag salute.

Public Comment – None

<u>Minutes of the Regular Meeting – December 19, 2023-</u> Motion made by Mr. Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting.

Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes, *Motion approved* 

<u>Minutes of the Executive Session – December 19, 2023-</u> Motion made by Mr. Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven, to approve the minutes of the executive session.

Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes, except Mr. Slaven who abstained. *Motion approved* 

December 2023 and January 2024 Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - Motion made by Mr.

Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3, that no major budgetary line item account the Board Secretary Monthly Certification that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 -8.2 and no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, it is further certified that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the month.

Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes. *Motion approved.* 

**December 2023 and January 2024 Board of Education Monthly Certification-** Motion made by Mr. Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven, the Board of Education Monthly Certification, that after review of the board secretary and treasurer monthly financial reports, in the minutes of the board each month that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes. *Motion approved.* 

<u>Treasurer's Report and Board Secretary's Report- December 2023 and January 2024</u> - Motion made by Mr. Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven, to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Reports, Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and the Board Secretary's reports, which are in agreement. Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes. *Motion approved*.

**Bills, Payrolls and Transfers**: Motion made by Mr. Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven, to approve the following bills, payrolls and transfers:

January and February\$185,150.38Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes.Motion approved.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION – Motion made by Mr. Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven to accept with regret, the resignation of Mr. Carl Tripician effective January 5, 2024. Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes. *Motion approved*.

**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION** Motion made by Mr. Slaven, seconded by Mr. Schwegman, to present Mr. Carl Tripician with the following resolution:

## **RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO MR. CARL TRIPCIAN**

WHEREAS, the Longport Board of Education hereby recognizes Mr. Carl Tripician, for his dedication to the students and citizens of the Borough of Longport; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carl Tripician has served as a member of the Longport Board of Education since 2009 to January 5, 2024; and

WHEREAS, over his many years of service of our school community, Mr. Carl Tripician has served in a number of leadership roles, including serving as the Vice President and Chair of Finance, and since 2010 as Board President and has worked tirelessly during his tenure providing valuable input for the betterment of the Longport School District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carl Tripician has served with distinction on the Longport Board of Education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Longport Board of Education expresses gratitude to Mr. Carl Tripician for his outstanding service to the Longport Community and particularly to its students;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the presentation of the Resolution be noted in the Longport Board of Education minutes dated February 21, 2024.

Discussion: Mr. Tripician was presented with a plaque by the Board in honor of his service. Mr. Tripician thanked everyone for their recognition and support. He wished the new Board best of luck! Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes. Motion approved. <u>New Jersey Cash Management Fund</u> – Motion made by Mr. Slaven, seconded by Mr. Schwegman, to authorize resolution to participate in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes. *Motion approved*.

**Board Member Candidate Interviews** – Board members reviewed resumes and asked questions as provided by New Jersey School Board Association. Board members interviewed Mr. Devon Teichman and Dr. Antonios Thalassinos, the two candidates who responded to the Board Member vacancy. Candidates discussed their interest and background. Candidates are advised they will need to run again in November with ballots to be completed in July.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -** Motion made by Mr. Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven, to enter into executive at 7:45 PM.

Resolved: At a public meeting of the Board of Education of Longport, held this evening, pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act", the following subjects to be discussed in a session of the Board closed to the public: Board Member Selection

It is presently anticipated that the items mentioned in the resolution may be disclosed to the public upon final determination of the subject by the Board of Education.

Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes, *Motion approved* 

**Board Comment**: The request to change the March Board meeting to March 12 was discussed and confirmed all are available. Mrs. Weeks will advertise the new date. Board members discussed the Ocean City BOE, Margate BOE and Library meetings and who will attend. Possible rotating schedule. Currently Mr. Schwegman is the Margate Representative through June 2024.

Communications- All included in the packet

Old Business - None

**New Business** – Mrs. Weeks discussed the need for new signature cards for check signing. Board members called for the appointment of the new board member and officers.

<u>Appointment of Board Member</u> – Motion made by Mr. Schwegman seconded by Mr. Slaven, to appoint Mr. Slaven for a one year term expiring December 31, 2024 for the seat vacated by Mr. Tripician. Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes.

*Motion* approved

<u>Nomination for Board President – Mr. Slaven nominated Mr. Schwegman as President of the Longport</u> Board of Education.

Motion approved by roll call vote with all members voting yes. *Motion approved* 

<u>Nomination for Board Vice President</u> – Mr. Schwegman nominated Mr. Slaven as Vice President of the Longport Board of Education

Public Comment - None

Board Comment - Welcome Dr. Thalassinos

<u>Motion to Adjourn -</u> Motion by Mr. Schwegman, seconded by Mr. Slaven, to adjourn, 8:08 pm Motion approve by roll call vote with all members voting yes. *Motion approved*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri J. Weeks, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary