

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes to Regular Meeting**  
**December 17, 2019**

Mr. Andrew Bosshard, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:03pm on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI (room 408). Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Kara Burgos, Carrie Buss, Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President. District Board member Michelle Greendeer-Rave was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 2:44pm with the agenda being distributed to interested persons, sent to the District's official newspaper (The La Crosse Tribune), and distributed to other news media throughout the District in compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 19.81 through 19.98.

Others present: Wade Hackbarth, Janice Strupp, Amy Thornton, Kat Linaker, Mike Swenson, Tracy Dryden, Rande Daykin, Diane Neefe, Patti Balacek, Dan Murphy, John Heath, Linda Rauch, and Pam Solberg

Public Comment: None

Motion Buss, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation recognizing Diane Neefe on retirement from Western. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *A copy of the resolution in its entirety is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.*

District Board was provided the following reports/updates: Fulbright-Hayes Thailand Experience, annual enrollment, enterprise and regional learning center community panel results. Updates were provided from the Budget & Facilities and Policy Subcommittees.

3:35pm: Motion Buss, second Lukasek, that the Western Technical College District Board convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c)(e), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The Board will reconvene into open dialog session immediately following the closed session. No action. Roll call: Buss, yes; Burgos, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Treu, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

4:00pm: Motion Lukasek, second Lawrence that the Western Technical College District Board reconvene into open session. Roll call: Buss, yes; Burgos, yes; Peterson, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Items to be removed from Consent Agenda: E0500 Student Government policy (second reading)

Motion Burgos, second Treu, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. November 19, 2019 Regular District Board Meeting, December 3, 2019 Budget & Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, December 3, 2019 Policy Subcommittee Meeting minutes; B. Financial Reports – November 2019: 1) Schedule of Payments, 2) Vendors Over \$2500; 3) General Revenue/Expense Report; 4) Department Budget Summary; 5) Auxiliary Services Reports, 6) Capital Projects Reports; C. College Policies | First Reading – Revision: 1) B0410 Social Media, 2) B0600P(a) District Board Travel, 3) E0700 Student Code of Conduct; D. Project Submission and Acceptance 2020-2021: 1) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grant Program and 2) State Grants (formerly General Purpose Revenue Funds). Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Report, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Laehn, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the 2020 Capital Plan as presented. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Peterson that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$6,000,000.00 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2020A, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Burgos that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Apprenticeship Center Interior Remodel as outlined and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its January 2020 meeting. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

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Motion Lawrence, second Lukasek that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Apprenticeship Center Exterior Remodel as outlined and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its January 2020 meeting. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Burgos that the Western Technical College District Board approve the District Board Evaluation as presented for second reading. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

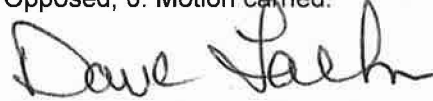
Dr. Stanford highlighted the recently held meetings, tours and news/media coverage and current priorities and provided a reminder of the February 25 holiday dinner. A copy of "Waking Up White" was distributed.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, the recently held Advance session at DuraTech was highlighted. Please forward suggestions for the May 2020 Advance session to Andrew.

Other Business

Kara Burgos suggested donations for the Cavalier Cupboard be provided during upcoming district board meetings. She will then deliver the donations to the cupboard.

5:07pm: Motion Buss, second Treu, that with no further business to come before the Western Technical College District Board, the meeting be adjourned. Votes: Ayes 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.



Dave Laehn, District Board Secretary

ATTACHMENT A  
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT

*Resolution of Commendation*

**Diane Neeffe**

**Whereas**, Diane Neeffe, Dean of the General Studies Division, will retire from Western Technical College on December 31, 2019, after completing 22+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

**Whereas**, Diane is a servant leader who is tirelessly focused on achieving the goals of the college; and

**Whereas**, she is incredibly strategic and able to anticipate the implications of a decision far down the road; and

**Whereas**, Diane has the ability to look at a situation, diagnose the true issue, and move forward with proposed solutions; and

**Whereas**, she isn't afraid of saying or doing the hard thing if it is in the best interest of the organization and student success; and

**Whereas**, in the last two years, Diane has graciously agreed to take on several new positions; and in short amounts of time earned the respect of the departments and provided needed stability and support; and

**Whereas**, she has high standards, but backs up her team and advocates for their resources; and

**Whereas**, Diane genuinely cares about her colleagues, is welcoming to new staff, and is generous with her time; and

**Whereas**, her ability to see the big picture, her mastery of developing policy, and her dedication will be missed; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Diane Neeffe for her years of service and her commitment to excellence; and be it

**Resolved**, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Diane many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.