

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 16, 2020

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, June 16, 2020 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI (room 408). Meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom technology. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Kara Burgos, Carrie Buss, Dave Laehn, Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President. District Board member Michelle Greendeer-Rave was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 12:29pm 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, Kat Linaker, Mike Swenson, Tracy Dryden, Rande Daykin, John Heath, Amy Thornton, Jess Strelow, Jill Grennan, Patti Balacek, Kevin Dean, Amy Schmidt (Western employees), Kevin Hennessey and Majel Hein (newly appointed District Board Members)

A Public Hearing on the 2020-2021 proposed Budget was held at 1:03pm on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street N, La Crosse, Wisconsin, room 408. No comments or questions were presented for consideration at the time of the Public Hearing.

Motion Buss, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation recognizing the following on retirement from Western: Eva Lee, Linda Rauch and Jean Powers. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *Copies of the resolutions are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A, B, C.*

Motion Buss, second Laehn that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation recognizing Michelle Greendeer-Rave and Ken Peterson for service to the District Board. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *Copies of the resolutions are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments D and E.*

District Board was provided the following updates: COVID 19; Foundation; Grants/Legislative; and Equity, Inclusion and Support 2025. District Board discussed its commitment to Equity.

Budget and Facilities Subcommittee and Policy Subcommittee updates were provided.

Items removed from consent agenda: A0104 Hold Harmless in Performance of Duties Policy

Motion Buss, second Burgos, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. April 28, 2020 District Board Budget Meeting Minutes; B. May 7, 2020 District Board Special Meeting Minutes; C. May 19, 2020 District Board Regular Meeting Minutes; D. May 19, 2020 Budget & Facilities Subcommittee Meeting Minutes; E. June 1, 2020 Policy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes; F. Financial Reports – May 2020 – 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; G. Policy Revisions | First Reading: 1. A0102 – Board Authority and Legal Status; 2. A0205 Hold Harmless Policy for President; 3. B0500 Procurement; H. Policy | Second Reading: 1. D0115 Credit Hour; I. Project Submission and Acceptance – FY2021 - Workforce Advancement Training Grants. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Treu, second Burgos that the Western Technical College District Board Adopt 2020-21 District Budget as presented. Roll call: Burgos, yes; Buss, yes; Peterson, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes; Laehn, yes; and Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Motion Laehn, second Burgos to approve Three Year Facilities Plan 2020-2023 as presented and submit to the WTCS Office for record. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Burgos that the Western Technical College District Board approve Out-of-State Tuition Remission: A. 2019-20 Annual Report on Out-Of-State Tuition Remissions; B. 2019-20 Enrollment Data on International and Domestic Students; and C. 2020-21 Request for Remission of Out-of-State Tuition. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Buss, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board authorize the issuance of a posthumous honorary Associate Degree for Melissa Marie Suchla. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Treu, second Burgos, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the District Board Equity Commitment statement as presented. Votes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, Kevin Dean provided a Law Enforcement Academy and EMS mobile training lab report. Dr. Stanford provided an update on the 2+2 agreement with Viterbo University, and his change in role with the WTCS Presidents Association group. An enrollment update was provided

Under the District Board Chairperson report, Mr. Bosshard advised the July 13 organizational meeting will be virtual; August 18 meeting and Advance will be held in person and virtually. The September meeting will be held at the Apprenticeship Center which will include a tour of the facility. Board members were encouraged to review committees for 2020-21 and forward their interest to Mr. Bosshard.

4:34pm: Motion Burgos, second Buss, that the District Board will convene into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 19.85 (1)(c)(e) for the purpose of discussing personnel and property matters. No action. Roll call: Buss, yes; Burgos, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes; Peterson, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

4:52pm: Motion Treu, second Lawrence that the Western Technical College District Board reconvene into open session. Roll call: Burgos, yes; Buss, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes; Peterson, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

4:54pm: Motion Peterson, second Lukasek, 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

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution of Commendation

Eva Lee

Whereas, Eva Lee, Custodian in the Finance and Operations Division, will retire from Western Technical College on July 3, 2020, after completing 13 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Eva is a dedicated and focused employee with a great eye for detail; and

Whereas, she is very self-reliant in her career, often able to troubleshoot equipment issues and solve problems on her own; and

Whereas, Eva began her career at Western working in the Lunda Center. She was a valuable asset in the facility's first growing years, helping with set-ups, arranging furniture, where to place certain items, and estimating capacities; and

Whereas, she relates well with people at all levels of the college. She listens to and communicates well with her colleagues; and

Whereas, her sense of humor, ability to read people, and adaptability 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 Eva Lee 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 Eva many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation

Linda Rauch

Whereas, Lin Rauch, Nursing Instructor in the Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, 2020 after completing 5 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Lin works tirelessly for all her students, even following their graduation, making sure they are well prepared for the profession; and

Whereas, she has the unique ability to see the big picture, knowing what is best for her students and making sure her class is fun, interactive, and memorable; and

Whereas, Lin has been a loyal friend, helping mentor and inspire her fellow nursing instructors, sharing her nursing knowledge with her colleagues; and

Whereas, she traveled to Thailand last summer as part of an educational grant, learning better ways to teach and practice medicine with a diverse range of students and patients; and

Whereas, her laughter, sarcasm, and sense of humor 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 Lin Rauch 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 Lin many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation

Jean Powers

Whereas, Jean Powers, Physical Plant Assistant in the Finance and Operations Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, 2020, after completing 28+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Jean provided unmatched attention to detail regarding Physical Plant projects; and

Whereas, she completed her work, tasks, and projects quickly and efficiently; and

Whereas, Jean is a gracious, patient, and enduring friend to her colleagues; and

Whereas, her dedication is best personified with her Saturday and late evening emails, even after long days of work; and

Whereas, Jean is well respected by all of her fellow co-workers; and

Whereas, her stories of rescued dogs and cats, her husband's baked goods, and her earnest care of and for the campus facilities 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 Jean Powers 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 Jean many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.



Western Technical College

Resolution of Commendation to Michelle Greendeer-Rave

Whereas, Michelle Greendeer-Rave has served as a member of the Western Technical College District Board for 3 years, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, and

Whereas, Michelle has provided leadership to Western Technical College by serving as the District Board New Directions Committee Co-Chair (2017-2019), District Board Member to the Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Committee of the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (2017-2018), Representative on the WTCs Insurance Trust Consortium (2017-2020), and as Award Nominations Rater for the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (2017-2019); and

Whereas, Michelle often spoke passionately for students in poverty and those underserved in the community; and

Whereas, Michelle was a vital link to the Ho Chunk Nation in building and strengthening relationships for the College; and

Whereas, Michelle was a passionate advocate for two-year college students at state and national legislative events; and

Whereas, Michelle was a strong proponent of Experience 2025, making sure the strategic plan focused on student success; and

Whereas, Michelle's kindness, passion for the College, and her unwavering support for our students will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its sincere and grateful appreciation to Michelle Greendeer-Rave for her years of service as a member of the District Board and extends to her continued best wishes for the future

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President

Andrew R. Bosshard, District Board Chair



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Resolution of Commendation to **Ken Peterson**

Whereas, Ken Peterson has served as a member of the Western Technical College District Board for 3 years, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020; and

Whereas, Ken has provided leadership to Western Technical College by serving as District Board Treasurer (2018-2020), Budget & Facilities Subcommittee Chair (2018-2020), and member to the External Partnerships Committee of the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (2017-2020); and

Whereas, Ken brings deep knowledge of asset management to the budget and facilities team; and

Whereas, Ken became a leader in navigating the development of the new Apprenticeship Center remodeling plan; and

Whereas, Ken brought construction experience to the project management of the Student Success Center remodeling project; and

Whereas, Ken led the budget and facilities team with precision and an attention to detail; and

Whereas, Ken brought a strong background and understanding of trades to the Western Technical College District Board; and

Whereas, Ken's expertise, passion, and knowledge will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its sincere and grateful appreciation to Ken Peterson for his years of service as a member of the District Board and extends to him continued best wishes for the future.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President

Andrew R. Bosshard, District Board Chair

Adopted, approved, and recorded by the Western Technical College District Board on June 16, 2020