

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**December 15, 2020**

Mr. Andrew Bosshard, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:02pm on Tuesday, December 15, 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, Carrie Buss, Majel Hein, Kevin Hennessey, Dave Laehn, Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, December 11, at 2:59pm 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, Rande Daykin, Amy Thornton, Jerry Miller, Tracy Dryden, John Heath, Jill Grennan, Angie Martin, Shelley McNeely, Brianne Shane, Patti Balacek, Julie Lemon, Dianne Hamman, Josh Gamer (Western employees); Kyle Gruber, (Wipfli); Jean Anne Schulze (Student Body President); and Olivia Herken (La Crosse Tribune)

Motion Laehn, second Lawrence, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation recognizing Mike Szczepanski on his retirement. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A.*

The following presentations were provided: annual Audit, COVID 19, annual Experience 2025, virtual tour of the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Center, Budget & Facilities and Policy Subcommittees.

Motion Lukasek, second Hein, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes – 1. November 17, 2020 District Board Meeting; 2. November 17, 2020 Budget & Facilities Subcommittee Meeting; 3. December 7, 2020 Policy Subcommittee Meeting; B. Financial Reports – November – 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. Policy Revisions | First Reading – 1. C0107 Criminal Background Checks | C0107p Procedure (Reference only); 2. D0602 Textbooks; 3. F0106 Naming College Facilities for the Purpose of Recognition | F0106p Procedure (Reference only); 4. F0107 Energy Management Conservation | F0107p Guidelines (Reference only); 5. F0205 Safety and Security; 6. G0300 Western Technical College Foundation, Inc.; 7. G0301 Western Technical Alumni Association; 8. G0302 Partnerships and Alliances | G0302 Procedure (Reference only); 9. G0400 Community Members Recognition | G0400p Guidelines (Reference only); D. Policy Discontinuance | First Reading – 1. F0200 Buildings and Grounds Security and F0200p1 Key and ID/Access Card Control Procedure. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Laehn, second Lukasek that the District Board accept and place on file the 2019-2020 financial audit report prepared by Wipfli, LLP. Roll call: Buss, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Treu, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Treu that the Western Technical College District Board approve the 2021 capital borrowing plan. Roll call: Buss, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Lawrence, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Treu, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Motion Buss, second Hein that the District Board approve the 2020-2021 Bargaining Agreement with the Faculty and Non-Teaching Professional (NTP) Unit of Local #3605 which increases total base wages by the Consumer Price Index of 1.81% beginning January 1, 2021. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Buss, second Laehn that the District Board approve the 2020-2021 Bargaining Agreement with the Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel (PSRP) Unit of Local #3605 which increases total base wages by the Consumer Price Index of 1.81% beginning January 1, 2021. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Peterson, second Lawrence that the Western Technical College District Board approve amendment to President Employment Contract. Roll call: Buss, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Lawrence, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Peterson, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Buss that the District Board approve the Sparta Public Safety interior renovation as outlined (\$1,500,000) and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its January 2021 meeting. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Peterson that the District Board approve the Sparta Public Safety exterior remodel as outlined (\$1,500,000) and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its January 2021 meeting. Motion Lukasek, second Peterson, to amend issue paper to indicate Sparta Public Safety Exterior Expansion (new footprint). Motion Buss, second Hennessey to approve amendment. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

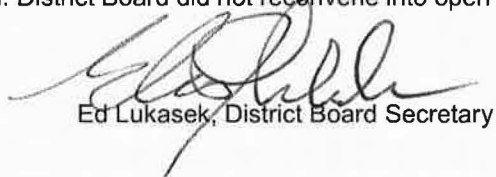
Motion Lukasek, second Lawrence that the District Board approve the Sparta Public Safety exterior remodel as outlined (\$950,000) and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its January 2021 meeting. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, Dr. Stanford thanked board members for support on the next phase of public safety at Western. Darlene Campo was introduced in her new role as the Director, Projects and Change Management. January 19 is next board meeting as well as College Day; members will be invited.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, Mr. Bosshard reminded members of the Advance session scheduled immediately following today's meeting.

3:38pm: Motion Hennessey, second Laehn that the District Board convene into closed session for the purpose of discussing potential contract non-renewals and reductions under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Sec. 19.85 (1)(c). No action. The Board may convene into open dialog session immediately following closed session. Roll call: Buss, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Treu, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

3:50pm: Motion Lukasek, second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Motion carried. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. District Board did not reconvene into open session.

  
Ed Lukasek, District Board Secretary



# Western Technical College

## *Resolution of Commendation to Mike Szczepanski*

*Whereas*, Mike Szczepanski, Coordinator/Trainer for Trane Company in the Business and Industry Services division, will retire from Western Technical College on December 23, 2020, after completing 20+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Mike's relationship with Trane helped foster and develop numerous opportunities between the two organizations; and

*Whereas*, he is a skilled welder and trainer, often known for his patience with his students, earning the praise and respect of those who worked with him; and

*Whereas*, Mike's pride for his work was exceptional, touching the lives of those he worked with; and

*Whereas*, he undoubtedly influenced the careers and quality workmanship of many Trane employees over the years; and

*Whereas*, his passion, work ethic, and kindness 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 Mike Szczepanski for his years of service and commitment to excellence; and be it

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

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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 December 15, 2020.