

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 19, 2021

Mr. Andrew Bosshard, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:19pm on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 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 and Roger Stanford, President. District Board member Dennis Treu was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, January 15, 2021 at 1:50pm 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, John Heath, Kevin Dean, Brooke Bahr and Marie Kliebenstein (Western employees)

1:25pm: District board members joined college presentation "Bringing Theory to Practice | Interpersonal Strategies and Equity" via zoom.

2::30pm: District board reconvened into open session.

Motion Laehn, second Lawrence, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation recognizing Marie Kliebenstein on her retirement. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.*

The following presentations were provided: COVID 19, enrollment management, college Culture statement, and First Choice Service Update - Experience 2025 strategic direction update.

Items removed from consent agenda: D0602 Textbooks policy and F0106 Naming College Facilities for the Purpose of Recognition | F0106p Procedure.


Motion Buss, second Lawrence, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes - December 15, 2020 District Board Meeting; B. Financial Reports – December: 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 | Second Reading – 1. C0107 Criminal Background Checks | C0107p Procedure (Reference only); 2. F0107 Energy Management Conservation | F0107p Guidelines (Reference only); 3. F0205 Safety and Security; 4. G0300 Western Technical College Foundation, Inc.; 5. G0301 Western Technical Alumni Association; 6. G0302 Partnerships and Alliances | G0302 Procedure (Reference only); 7. G0400 Community Members Recognition | G0400p Guidelines (Reference only); D. Policy Discontinuance | Second Reading - F0200 Buildings and Grounds Security | F0200p1 Key and ID/Access Card Control Procedure; E. Project Submission and Acceptance 2021-22: 1. Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act; 2. Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grant Program; 3. State Grants (formerly General Purpose Revenue) Funds. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Lukasek that the District Board adopt Resolutions Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$7,070,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021A, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Roll call: Buss, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, Mike Swenson reported a strong year end for the Foundation and a brief enrollment report was provided.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, Ed Lukasek provided a District Boards Association update. Mr. Bosshard will reach out to Roger and Rande Daykin regarding the February legislative event.

5:20pm: Motion Lukasek, second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.



Ed Lukasek, District Board Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to

Marie Kliebenstein

Whereas, Marie Kliebenstein, College Advisor in the Advising and Career Services Division, will retire from Western Technical College on February 5, 2021, after completing 34+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Marie has a passion for Western's regional locations, spending the first part of her career helping students in rural communities access higher education; and

Whereas, her excellent communication skills helped students most recently navigate Western's Health and Public Safety programs; and

Whereas, Marie was always familiar with all aspects of Western, allowing her to find quick answers for her students; and

Whereas, she always created a welcoming and inviting environment for her students and colleagues, often decorating her office for the seasons and holidays; and

Whereas, Marie was a wonderful friend both in and outside of the office, always willing to include everyone in office events; and

Whereas, her good humor and smiling face 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 Marie Kliebenstein 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 Marie many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Andrew R. Bosshard, District Board Chair

Adopted, approved, and recorded by the Western Technical College District Board on January 19, 2021.