

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 15, 2021

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 15, 2021 at the Western Technical College Lunda Center, 319 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Carrie Buss, Majel Hein, Kevin Hennessey, Dave Laehn, Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu (via zoom) and Roger Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 8:00am 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, Rande Daykin, Tracy Dryden, Kat Linaker, Amy Thornton, Mike Swenson, Angie Martin, Liz Wallace, Randy Christensen, Julie Lemon, John Heath, Christina Heit, Brooke Bahr, Jessica Pintz, Raj Ramnarace, Megan Hoffman, Kevin Dean (Western employees), Layla Merrifield, District Boards Association

A Public Hearing on the 2021-22 proposed Budget was held at 1:03pm on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at the Western Technical College Lunda Center, 319 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI. No comments or questions were presented for consideration during the Public Hearing.

Motion Lawrence, second Lukasek, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation recognizing Randy Christensen and Kenric Sorenson on retirement; Dave Laehn for his service as a District Board member; and COVID-19 Monitoring Team for its commitment in creating a safe campus throughout the pandemic. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *Copies of the resolutions are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A, B, C and D.*

Presentations provided: District Boards Association, Marketing, COVID-19 and Budget & Facilities committee. A culture statement activity was facilitated for the group.

Motion Lukasek, second Hein, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes – 1. May 4, 2021 District Board Budget Meeting; 2. May 11, 2021 District Board Regular Meeting; 3. May 11, 2021 Budget & Facilities Committee Meeting; 4. June 1, 2021 Policy Subcommittee Meeting; B. Financial Reports – March – 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; 7. Bids/RPFs Awarded C. Policy Revisions | First Reading – 1. CO600 | C0600p Board Negotiation Team Policy & Procedure; D. Project Submission and Acceptance FY2022-2027 – 1. Department of Education – Title III - Part A, Strengthening Institutions Grant. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Lukasek, that the District Board adopt the 2021-22 District Budget as presented. Roll call: Treu, yes; Peterson, yes; Lukasek, yes; Lawrence, yes; Laehn, yes; Hennessey, yes; Hein, yes; Buss, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Hein that the District Board adopt total salary (1.25%) including the range (1.23%) adjustments for FY 2021-22. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion Laehn, second Peterson that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Three-Year Facilities Plan 2021-24 as presented and submit same to Wisconsin Technical College System office for record. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Hein that the Western Technical College District Board approve payment of the 2021-22 fee assessment for the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

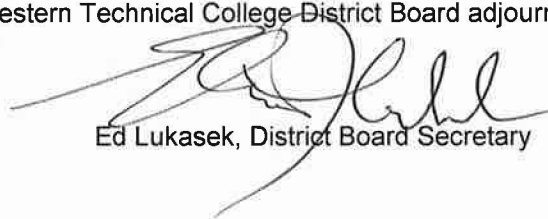
Motion Lukasek, second Peterson that the Western Technical College District Board approve Out-of-State Tuition Remission: 2020-21 Annual Report on Out-of-State Tuition Remissions; 2020-21 Enrollment Data on International and Domestic Students; 2021-22 Request for Remission of Out-of-State Tuition and 2021-22 Approval of Out-of-State Tuition Request 2021-22. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion Buss, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the amendment to the president's employment contract. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed 1. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, it was announced the Medical Lab Technician program was recently fully accredited. Orientation session with the newly appointed member Lance Bagstad is next week. August 30 will be the soft opening for employees to return to campus. Western was ranked Star Silver for its sustainability efforts. Recently held Western Explores event was discussed.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, reminder was provided for the July District Boards Association meeting. If interested in the ACCT Leadership Congress being held in San Diego on October 13-16, 2021, please reach out to Andrew or Janice. The committee assignment sheet for 2021-22 will be distributed soon.

4:30pm: Motion Buss, second Lukasek that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Motion carried. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.



Ed Lukasek, District Board Secretary



Western Technical College

Resolution of Commendation to Randy Christensen

Whereas, Randy Christensen, Machine Tool Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, after completing 31+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Randy was entirely dedicated to his profession, always ensuring his students were well prepared for the workforce; and

Whereas, he approached problems with a common sense approach, always providing valuable insight to a variety of concerns; and

Whereas, Randy was well respected by his colleagues, considered to be a leader behind the scenes and an opinion his co-workers valued; and

Whereas, he was always supportive of the direction of the College, an individual who would ask great questions and would truly listen to others; and

Whereas, his sense of humor, dedication to his students, and great insight 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 Randy Christensen 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 Randy many happy and satisfying years in retirement.

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Andrew R. Bosshard, District Board Chair



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Resolution of Commendation to Kenric Sorenson

Whereas, Kenric Sorenson, Welding Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, 2021, 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, Kenric is highly experienced both in the field and in the classroom, using those connections in the industry to help his students in the field; and

Whereas, he always kept a great sense of humor, known for his quick wit and unique perspective on any conversation; and

Whereas, Kenric valued his time in the classroom, enjoying what he did and passing along his valuable lessons to students; and

Whereas, he is well regarded by his colleagues, always listening to co-workers and providing guidance to others; and

Whereas, his skill set, industry connections, and consistency 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 Kenric Sorenson 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 Kenric many happy and satisfying years in retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Dave Laehn**

Whereas, Dave Laehn has served as a member of the Western Technical College District Board for 12 years, from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2021; and

Whereas, Dave has provided leadership to Western Technical College by serving on the Planning, Policy & Instruction Committee (2015-18), Policy Subcommittee (2016-21), as well as the Legislative Committee (2011-16), Program Committee (2012-13), and Internal Best Practices Committee (2017-18) for the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association; and

Whereas, he provided years of K-12 experience, often drawing upon experience to help inform and engage with partnerships between the College and community; and

Whereas, Dave is a calm, cool, and collected leader, always engaged and committed to student success; and

Whereas, he leads with respect and honor, always listening to other ideas from his colleagues; and

Whereas, Dave is a strong proponent for two-year degrees and the value those credentials bring to the local region; and

Whereas, his leadership, experience, and demeanor will be missed; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its sincere and grateful appreciation to Dave Laehn 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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Resolution of Commendation to COVID-19 Monitoring Team

Whereas, Western Technical College's COVID-19 Monitoring Team, comprised of Patti Balacek, Brooke Bahr, Ben Bierman, Kevin Dean, Tracy Dryden, Megan Hoffman, Jackie Kettner, Julie Lemon, Jay McHenry, Shelley McNeely, Jessica Pintz, Raj Ramnarace, and Amy Schmidt has worked tirelessly since March of 2020 to provide health and safety guidance to the College in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, this group of individuals diligently gathered and analyzed COVID-19 data from the country, state, and regional levels, always providing up-to-date guidance to keep Western staff and students safe; and

Whereas, the team took on the vast majority of COVID-related work on behalf of Western, allowing senior administration to effectively lead and manage operations at the College; and

Whereas, the group always provided clear and excellent communication to students, staff, and the general public, acting with clarity and consistency with every action; and

Whereas, the team collaborated with various partners to provide a COVID-19 vaccine clinic for students, staff, and the greater campus community; and

Whereas, the group strived for safety while prioritizing the unique needs of our students, going above and beyond to ensure Western continued to provide resources, services, and support for our students; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to the COVID-19 Monitoring Team for their commitment in creating a safe campus throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

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