

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 16, 2021

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, March 16, 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, Dave Laehn, Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President. Board member Kevin Hennessey was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 10:47am 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, Jerry Miller, Tracy Dryden, Kevin Dean, John Heath, Brooke Bahr, Kari Reyburn, Kat Linaker, Darlene Campo, John Gillette, Amy Thornton, Mike Swenson, Christina Heit, Deb Hether (Western employees); Anne Schulze, Mikayla Fechner, Carolyn Swift, Becky Meyer, Chelsea Harr (Western Student Government); Brian Brewer (Baird)

Presentations provided: Student Government annual update, bond refinance, Achieve the Dream update, Equity, Inclusion and Support – Experience 2025 annual update, K12 plan, and COVID 19.

Motion Peterson, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. February 16, 2021 District Board Meeting minutes; B. February 8, 2021 Policy Subcommittee Meeting minutes; B. Financial Reports – February – 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. A0201a Succession Planning; 2. F0106p – Procedure for Naming a College Facility for Purposes of Recognition (Board Reference Only); D. Policy Discontinuance | Second Reading – 1. C0102 Anti-Harassment (Employees); 2. E0105 Student Nondiscrimination; 3. E0709 Student Harassment and Sexual Harassment; E. New Policy | Second Reading – 1. C0102/E0105 Harassment and Nondiscrimination; F. Project Submission and Acceptance FY 2021-22 – 1. Wisconsin Technical College System Office – State Grant Funds. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Laehn, second Hein that the Western Technical College District Board approve the private sector review committee as submitted. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Treu that the District Board approve the request for proposals for external audit services. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Hein that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of an Escrow Account with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2017F, dated December 28, 2017. Roll call: Buss, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Hein, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Treu, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, members were introduced to Darlene Campo in her new role as Director of Projects and Change Management. Western recently had several positive messages in local media. Brief legislative updated was provided.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, the April 20 meeting will be held virtually with an Advance session beginning at 4pm. May 4 budget meeting and May 11 regular meeting will be held virtually. June 15 meeting will be a hybrid. March 24 is the annual board appointment committee meeting.

4:15pm: Motion Laehn, second Buss 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). The Board will convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c)(e), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of discussing the President's Evaluation. No action. Roll call: Buss, yes; Hein, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Treu, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

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



Ed Lukasek, District Board Secretary