

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 8, 2022

Mr. Ken Peterson, District Board Interim Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:02pm on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI. Board members present via zoom were: Lance Bagstad, Andrew Bosshard, Kevin Hennessey, Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Ken Peterson and Roger Stanford, President. District Board members Majel Hein and Dennis Treu were excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, February 4, 2022 at 7:41am 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, Amy Thornton, Rande Daykin, Kat Linaker, John Heath, Julie Lemon, Mike Swenson, Christina Heit, Tracy Dryden, Jo Duff, Kari Vogel, Mike Poellinger, Jennifer Stangl, Kevin Dean, (Western employees); students Perla Donjuan and Emily Eggum; and Catherine Kolkmeier (La Crosse Medical Healthcare Consortium)

Motion Lawrence, second Bagstad to adopt resolution of commendation for Julie (Jo) Duff on her retirement from Western Technical College. Votes: Ayes, 6, Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *Copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.*

Presentations provided: La Crosse Medical Health Science Consortium, program service highlight – Interior Design; annual planning cycle review and COVID19 updates

Motion Bosshard, second Bagstad that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes – 1. January 11, 2022 District Board Regular Meeting and 2. January 24, 2022 Policy Subcommittee Meeting; B. Financial Reports – December/January – 1. General Revenue/Expense Report; 2. Department Budget Summary; 3. Auxiliary Services Report; 4. Capital Projects Reports (January); C. Policy Revisions | Second Reading – 1. F0103 Awarding of Contract; D. Policy Revisions | First Reading – 1. A0101 Western Technical College Board Name and Legal Status; 2. A0114 District Board Meetings | A0114p Procedure for District Board Meetings (with suggested changes for second reading); 3. A0206 Emergency Closing; E. Policy Discontinuance | First Reading – 1. A0107 Board Members' Obligation and Attendance; 2. A0115 Board Meeting Preparation; F. Project Submission and Acceptance 2022-23 – 1. WTCS – State Grants Funds. Votes: Ayes, 6, Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

3:31pm: Andrew Bosshard excused from meeting.

Motion Bagstad, second Lawrence, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$1,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022B, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Roll call: Bagstad, yes; Lukasek, yes; Hennessey, yes; Lawrence, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, information on the Aspen award was shared; advised Western is an Achieve the Dream Leader College, Western hosted a successful breakfast with K-12 administrators; Sparta Public Safety facility open house will be June 16; April district board meeting will be in person at Ashley Furniture; and Western had several presenters attend the C3 conference. A brief discussion ensued relative to the free speech bill. Legislative update was provided.

During the District Board Chairperson report, Mr. Peterson advised the March 2022 meeting will possibly be in person. A District Boards Association update was provided. Requested plus deltas be forwarded to him.

4:17pm: Motion Lukasek, second Hennessey that the board entertain a motion to convene in 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: Bagstad, yes; Lukasek, yes; Hennessey, yes; Lawrence, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

4:40pm: Motion Lukasek, second Bagstad that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Motion carried. Votes: Ayes, 5; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.


Majel Hein, District Board Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to **Jo Duff**

Whereas, Jo Duff, Application Associate in the Enrollment Services Division, will retire from Western Technical College on March 4, 2022, after completing 15+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Jo is a hard-working, dedicated team player, always willing to go above and beyond to help Western students and co-workers; and

Whereas, she is a detail-oriented and knowledgeable employee, often helping her co-workers answer complex enrollment questions or concerns; and

Whereas, Jo has a unique and strong bond with many of her co-workers, many of whom she calls her friends – and is always willing to help and listen; and

Whereas, she has a great sense of humor, with a quick wit and sharp tongue that makes everyone laugh; and

Whereas, her kindness, friendship, and dedication to her job 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 Jo Duff 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 Jo many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Ken Peterson, Interim Chair