

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting
May 10, 2022

Mr. Ken Peterson, District Board Interim Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:16pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street N, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: Lance Bagstad, Andrew Bosshard, Kevin Hennessey, Ed Lukasek, Majel Hein, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President. Members present via zoom: Ken Peterson, Angie Lawrence

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 1:46pm 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, John Heath, Tracy Dryden, Amy Thornton, Josh Gamer, Julie Lemon, Cody Murphy, Ryan Monroe, Heather Andrews, Emily Eichman, Mike LeDocq, Greg Hutson, Chris Magnuson, Dustin Schultz, Jerry Miller, Rebecca Hopkins, Betsy Breckenridge (Western employees), Avery Strangstalien (Western graduate) and Layla Merrifield (District Boards Association)

Motion Bosshard, second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation for Avery Strangstalien honoring her championship in the 2022 Hearthstone National eSports Championship (JNCAAE). Votes: Ayes 8, Opposed, 0. Motion carried. **A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.**

Motion Bagstad, second Lukasek that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation for the following on retirement from the college: Mark Davini, Timothy Foster, Gregory Hutson, Rober Krug, Mike LeDocq, Chris Magnuson, Tom Strom, Brenda Updike, Shelly Wetzsteon. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. **Copies of resolutions are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, and J.**

Presentations provided: District Boards Association, Foundation update, Enrollment update, ELL Work with Allies, COVID updates and Budget & Facilities Subcommittee

2:34pm: Majel Hein excused; rejoined via zoom

Motion Lukasek, second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. December 21, 2021 Budget & Facilities Subcommittee Meeting; B. Financial Reports – April – 1. Schedule of Payments; 2. Vendors Over \$2,500; 3. Capital Projects Reports; 4. Bids/RFPs Awarded – April; C. Policy Revisions | Second Reading – 1. A0117 Release of Public Records and Property | A0117p Official Notice; 2. A0118 Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) Districts; 3. D0102 Faculty Credentials/FQAS | D0102p Faculty Credentials/FQAS (Board Reference Only); 4. D0104 School Year; 5. E0708 Student Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy; D. Policy Discontinuance | Second Reading – 1. D0500 FQAS; E. Policy- NEW | Second Reading – 1. F0109 Flag Displaying | F0109p Flag Displaying Procedure (Board Reference Only); E. Project Submission and Acceptance – 1. Wisconsin Technical College System – Systemwide Leadership Grant FY2022; 2. Workforce Advancement Training Grants FY2023. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Bagstad, second Lukasek, that the Western Technical College District Board authorize administration to set and charge Western Technical College Fees and Rates for 2022-2023 as presented. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

3:28pm: Andrew Bosshard excused

Motion Lawrence, second Hein that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Western Technical College and the Western Technical College Foundation. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

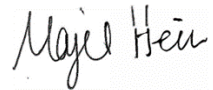
Motion Lukasek, second Bagstad that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$2,330,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2022E, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Roll call: Bagstad, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Hennessey, yes; Hein, yes; Treu, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, the District Board was informed of the NAACLS national accreditation for the maximum 10 years, reminded of the June 21 board meeting/advance session followed by dinner.

During the District Board Chairperson report, Mr. Peterson expressed a thank you for allowing virtual attendance today, reminded the District Board of the July DBA meeting and an update from the Spring DBA meeting was provided.

4:15pm: Motion Lukasek, second Bagstad that the Western Technical College convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c)(e), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. No action. Roll call: Bagstad, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Lawrence, yes; Treu, yes; Hein, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

5:08pm: Motion Hennessey, second Lukasek that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Majel Hein". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Majel Hein, District Board Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to **Avery Strangstalien**

Whereas, Avery Strangstalien, a recent graduate of the Digital Marketing program, won the 2022 Hearthstone National Championship with the National Junior College Athletic Association Esports (NJCAAE); and

Whereas, Avery upset several high quality players in Hearthstone, an online card game, to win the NJCAAE national championship 3-2 on Saturday, April 30; and

Whereas, Avery was an outstanding student-athlete, named to the President's List several times and achieved high marks in all of her academic work; and

Whereas, she had the highest viewer count for streamed matches on Twitch, owed in most part to her high quality of performance; and

Whereas, Avery had the biggest fan club on Western's Esports team, with nearly every member of the team being Avery's number one fan; and

Whereas, she was a hardworking, dedicated student who always gave 110 percent to everything; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its congratulations to Avery Strangstalien for her national championship victory; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board all wish the very best to Avery in her future endeavors.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Mark Davini**

Whereas, Mark Davini, Digital Media Production instructor in the Business Division, retired from Western Technical College on April 25, after completing 26+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Mark is an incredibly knowledgeable instructor who always cared about his students, understanding so much regarding cameras, microphones, lights, and other digital media equipment; and

Whereas, he has been compared to a New York cabbie but also a compassionate father-figure, nonetheless, he was always passionate about giving students the best education possible; and

Whereas, Mark was quick to make friends with everyone and is highly respected throughout the community, often knowing how to balance being light-hearted and getting down to the point; and

Whereas, his vast knowledge and history of Western 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 Mark Davini for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

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

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Resolution of Commendation to **Timothy Foster**

Whereas, Timothy Foster, Maintenance/Lab Technician in the Integrated Technology Division, retired from Western Technical College on April 22, after completing 4+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Tim was a reliable, experienced, and dedicated worker, always looking for better ways to help students succeed; and

Whereas, he was a jack of all trades employee, finding creative ways in identifying solutions throughout the Integrated Technology division; and

Whereas, Tim had an incredible sense of humor, always putting a smile on everyone's face; and

Whereas, he formed close connections across the college, using those connections to help provide support and help to all students; and

Whereas, his laughter, knowledge, and flexibility 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 Timothy Foster for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

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

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Resolution of Commendation to **Greg Hutson**

Whereas, Greg Hutson, Transportation Parts Manager in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on May 13, after completing 13+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Greg possessed a work ethic second to none, often completing tasks without being asked; and

Whereas, he managed the parts room, facility, and the budget on a daily basis, items not in his job description but items that needed to be done; and

Whereas, Greg's sense of humor, compassion, and professionalism made him the type of person you wanted to see every morning before work, always quick with a joke, a high five, or a hug depending on the situation; and

Whereas, he was dependable and friendly, one who was sought after for advice and counsel both professionally and personally; and

Whereas, nearly every aspect of this individual 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 Greg Hutson for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

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

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Resolution of Commendation to **Robert Krug**

Whereas, Robert Krug, HVAC Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, retired from Western Technical College on April 25, after completing 4+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Bob was a quiet yet diligent worker, always thinking deeply about student needs; and

Whereas, he was open to new ideas that helped achieve student success, very humble yet extremely knowledgeable about his field of work; and

Whereas, Bob had the tremendous ability to manage multiple projects all at once, even through personal setbacks, he never stopped focusing on his students and the program; and

Whereas, his optimism, demeanor, sense of humor, and caring personality 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 Robert Krug for his years of service and his commitment to excellence; and be it

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

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Resolution of Commendation to **Mike LeDocq**

Whereas, Mike LeDocq, Physics Instructor in the General Studies Division, retired from Western Technical College on April 25, after completing 19+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Mike had an exceptional enthusiasm for physics, often being compared to Albert Einstein for his love of the subject and dedication to his students; and

Whereas, he always went the extra mile to bring warmth and humor every day, respected by his colleagues and always willing to help when needed; and

Whereas, Mike was a caring instructor who believed in student success, going above and beyond to provide high quality education to all students; and

Whereas, he was an approachable colleague to all, always honest with his perspective while still completely respectful of the perspective of others; and

Whereas, his knowledge, humor, and love of physics 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 LeDocq for his years of service and his 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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Resolution of Commendation to **Chris Magnuson**

Whereas, Chris Magnuson, Advisor in the Career Services Division, retired from Western Technical College on May 7, after completing 8+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Chris was a knowledgeable, dedicated worker who devoted her career to helping others find their career path, often being the first and last one in the office every day; and

Whereas, she had a calm, approachable way of working with students, making everyone feel at ease as they worked with her to explore career options; and

Whereas, Chris will be missed by all who worked with her, with one coworker stating that, "if there is a picture of the face of Western, Chris would most definitely be in that picture,"; and

Whereas, she always cared about her coworkers and helped them be their best selves, bringing a sense of humor to the office that brought joy to so many; and

Whereas, her friendliness, expertise, and humor 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 Chris Magnuson 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 Chris many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Tom Strom**

Whereas, Tom Strom, Financial Services instructor in the Business Division, retired from Western Technical College on April 25, 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, Tom is a dedicated worker who cared about his students, always working hard to make sure he was current in the field to bring relevant information to his students; and

Whereas, he spent several years in the banking industry as a lending officer, bringing those skills and the stories of those years to the classroom; and

Whereas, Tom was incredibly organized, always known for his color coded course materials; and

Whereas, he always enjoyed class projects, especially those that interacted with local banks in the area; and

Whereas, his desire to work with the advisory committee to better the program 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 Tom Strom 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 Tom many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Brenda Updike**

Whereas, Brenda Updike, Financial Services instructor in the Business Division, retired from Western Technical College on April 25, after completing 12+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Brenda was a hard worker who always cared for her students, going the extra mile to remain current in her field to guarantee her students received up-to-date industry knowledge; and

Whereas, she brought real world business banking experience first to the K-12 system and later at Western; and

Whereas, Brenda was always organized and rarely flustered, consistently remaining calm when addressing any situation; and

Whereas, she was respected and well-liked by her peers, open to sharing their knowledge with both full-time and adjunct coworkers; and

Whereas, her passion for teaching 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 Brenda 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 Brenda many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Shelly Wetzsteon**

Whereas, Shelly Wetzsteon, Marketing Instructor in the Business Division, retired from Western Technical College on April 25, after completing 21+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Shelly was an incredible worker who cared about her students, always working to stay current in her field and provide the most up-to-date curriculum for her students; and

Whereas, she brought real-world experience, including time in IT and Marketing, into her teaching, helping her emphasize the role data and technology play in marketing fields; and

Whereas, Shelly was known for her constant searching of publications, blogs, and social media to bring relevant information to students; and

Whereas, she was a DECA advisor for many years and has maintained contact with several students over that time; and

Whereas, her willingness to always try to improve her teaching skills 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 Shelly Wetzsteon 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 Shelly many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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