

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 14, 2024

Mr. Ken Peterson, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at Western Technical College, Admin Center, 111 7th St. N., Rm 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: L. Bagstad, A. Bosshard, C. Doering III, M. Greendeer-Rave K. Hennessey, J. Dillin, A. Lawrence, and K. Peterson., R. Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on May 10, 2024, at 8:12 a.m., 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 19.81-19.98.

Others present J. Pintz, J. Heath, C. Heit, T. Dryden, K. Reyburn, Margy Krogman, L. Wallace, I. Mezera, T. Ludeking, D. Hether, R. Hopkins, A. Thornton (Western employees), M. Skarlupka, and student Courtney Chambers.

Motion Lawrence, seconded by Bagstad, to approve the resolution of commendation, Stacey Nelson, Shelly Bauer, and Jerry Harasmus. Votes: 8 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstain. Motion carried. **Attachments A, B, and C.**

Presentations included Achieving the Dream, Strategic Focus Area Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Student Ambassador, Grants, and K-12 Updates; no action was taken.

Bagstad provided an update on the Policy Subcommittee.

Hennessey provided an update on the Budget and Facilities Subcommittee

Motion Hennessey, second Bagstad, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes - a. April 16, 2024, 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-April 2024; b. Capital Projects - April 2024. 3. Project Submission: a. WTCS FY2024 SOAA; b. WTCS FY 2024 State Leadership Grant AE ELL. 4. Policies (second read) a. D0107 Attendance; b. F0101 Facility Development. Policies (first read) a. A0106 Oath of Office & A0106p; b. A0128 Board Conduct c. B0104 Board Budget and Facilities d. E0714 Language Access Votes: 7 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstain: from Vendors over \$2,500. Motion carried.


Motion Bagstad, second Hennessey to approve a. New Program-Machinist Apprenticeship b. Fees and Rates. Votes 8 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstain. Motion carried.

President Stanford shared information on the ASPEN prize finalist, including that we are one of the three WTCS schools, and update on 7-weeks and the start of the summer term; he has recently met with three local representatives to share information about Western, AFIT Summer Institute travel and the upcoming HSED/GED graduation.

The District Board Chairperson shared upcoming DBA events. In July, the board will discuss Tara Westover's book "Educated;" introduced Megan Skarlupka, reminded them of the upcoming board appointment committee meeting and public hearing to appoint a School District Administrator, and reminded them of Plus Delta feedback.

4:35 p.m. Motion Hennessey, second Lawrence, to move into closed session. No action taken. Roll call: Bagstad, yes; Dillin, yes; Doering, yes; Bosshard, yes; Hennessey, yes; Lawrence, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; and Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

5:12 p.m. Motion Hennessey second Dillin that the Western Technical College District Board return to open session and adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.



Jim Dillin, District Board Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to **Jerry Harazmus**

Whereas, Jerry Harazmus, Sociology Instructor in the General Studies Division retired from Western Technical College on April 22 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, throughout his tenure, Jerry has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, innovative teaching methodologies, and the holistic development of his students, instilling in them a passion for the field of sociology and equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary for success; and

Whereas, Jerry's dedication extends beyond the classroom, making sure all students have a chance to succeed, which has contributed significantly to the enrichment of student life and the advancement of the college's mission; and

Whereas, Jerry's exceptional leadership, professionalism, and kindness have earned him the respect, admiration, and gratitude of his coworkers, administrators, and peers, who have benefited immensely from his expertise, guidance, and friendship over the years; and

Whereas, his expertise, passion, positive energy, and kindness 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 Jerry Harazmus 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 Jerry many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Shelly Bauer**

Whereas, Shelly Bauer, Instructional Assistant Instructor in the Academic Excellence, Education and Human Services Division retired from Western Technical College on April 22 after completing 20 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Shelly has an incredible passion for education and teaching, sharing that love with all of her students and coworkers and valuing the role they play in society; and

Whereas, she helped guide and develop successful transfer pathways for students, allowing hundreds of students the opportunity to continue their educational journeys into universities and later classrooms around the region; and

Whereas, Shelly ensures all of her students have opportunities to succeed, doing whatever she can to ensure their success in college; and

Whereas, she offered help and assistance at all times, acknowledging the needs of each student while highlighting the importance of filling the teacher pipeline throughout the state; and

Whereas, her passion for teachers, hard work, dedication to her students, positive energy, and kindness 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 Bauer 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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Resolution of Commendation to **Stacey Nelson**

Whereas, Stacey Nelson, College Advisor, has tirelessly contributed to the growth and success of countless students, providing invaluable guidance, support, and mentorship as they navigate their educational journeys at Western; and

Whereas, she always is friendly and welcoming to both students and coworkers, helping to create a positive environment for all who walk through her doors; and

Whereas, Stacey's deep knowledge of Western Technical College has been instrumental in fostering a culture of learning, collaboration, and excellence within the institution; and

Whereas, she works tirelessly to ensure each and every student has a clear understanding of the requirements and information needed for Western's programs; and

Whereas, her expertise, passion for running, friendliness, positive energy, and kindness 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 Stacey Nelson 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 Stacey many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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