

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 21, 2023

K. Peterson, Chair, called the Board of Western Technical College District meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at Western Technical College, Admin Center, 111 7th St. N., La Crosse, WI. Board members present L. Bagstad, A. Bosshard, C. Doering III, M. Greendeer-Rave K. Hennessey, M. Hein, A. Lawrence J. Dillin, K. Peterson, and R. Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on November 16, 2023, at 9:43 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, W. Hackbarth, A. Thornton, R. Hopkins, B. Shane, J. Heath, J. Lemon, K. Dean, S. Lennon, D. Slaby, E. Jacobson, L. Wallace, D. Summerfield (Western employees), Mckay Wolsey (Western student).

Motion Bagstad Second Hein approve Resolution of Commendations, Dawn Summerfield, Shelly Dutchin, Sally Cahalan.9 Ayes, 0 Opposed. Motion Approved. **Copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as attachment A, B and C.**

Presentations included Paramedic Program Highlight by Hopkins, Dean, and Slaby; ACCT Legislative Summit by Thornton, Lemon, and Jacobson; Employee Engagement by Heath, Shane, and Lennon; Peterson and Heath presented the results of the board member evaluation, and a 1-pager report on Enterprise Services was attached to the agenda.

Dillin excused at 3:52 p.m.

Motion Bosshard, second Hennessey, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: 1. Minutes - a. October 17 and 25, 2023, 2. Financial Reports: a. Vendors over \$2,500-Oct. b. Capital Projects-Oct. c. General Revenue/Expense Report - Sept & Oct. d. Dept. Budget Summary - Sept & Oct. e. Enterprise Services Summary - Sept & Oct. 3. Project Submissions and Acceptances a. FY24-28 Dept of Labor Strengthening Community Colleges-Round 4 b. FY 23-24 WTCS State Funds Apprenticeship Programs Votes: 7 Ayes, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstain: from Vendors over \$2,500. Motion carried.

Motion Bagstad second Hennessey, that the Western Technical College District Board approve Annual Business & Industry Services Contract training. Votes 8 Ayes, 0, Opposed. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence second Hennessey, discussion to clarify modifications, no concerns. Role Call Approval: 1. Resolution to Authorize FYE 2023 Annual Budget Modifications. Roll call: M. Hein, yes; L. Bagstad, yes; A. Bosshard, yes; C. Doering III, yes; K. Hennessey, yes; M. Greendeer-Rave, yes; A. Lawrence, yes; K. Peterson, yes.

Presidents reported on additional details of the DOL grant; leadership activities and board members are invited to January College Day activities.

District Board Chairperson shared information on the Wisconsin Technical College Districts Boards Association history and operations, reported on the WTCS Legal Issues Conference and DBA meeting, and the ACCT Washington DC opportunities.

4:40 p.m. Motion Hennessey, second Hein, that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Votes: Ayes 8, Opposed, 0. Motion carried.



Jim Dillin, District Board Secretary



Western Technical College

Resolution of Commendation to Dawn Summerfield

Whereas, Dawn Summerfield, Nursing Assistant Instructor in the Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College after completing 23+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Dawn has always been one of kindest, most genuine instructors at Western, always devoting her time and energy to ensure every student is successful; and

Whereas, she used her extensive knowledge, experience, and history to help students, often sharing personal stories with passion to help prepare the next generation of health care workers; and

Whereas, Dawn is the matriarch of the Nursing Assistant team, being a caring friend and coworker to all, listening to others and sharing stories of her family with others; and

Whereas, she goes above and beyond to meet the need, whether that's with students, coworkers, or friends; and

Whereas, her expertise, love of coffee, positivity, and Farah Fawcett-like hair will be missed; be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Dawn Summerfield 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 Dawn many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Ken Peterson, Chair



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Resolution of Commendation to **Shelly Dutchin**

Whereas, Shelly Dutchin, Sociology Instructor in the General Studies Division, will retire from Western Technical College after completing 23+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Shelly is a compassionate and caring instructor, always doing what is best for students and providing them with tools to use in the future; and

Whereas, she has a unique ability to look at problems from different perspectives, often using this ability to help find the best solution for all; and

Whereas, Shelly is always willing to go above and beyond for her students and coworkers, doing whatever was necessary to ensure student success; and

Whereas, she is a kind and caring individual, always providing a helping hand to those that needed it; and

Whereas, her flexibility and dedication to students will be missed; so be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Shelly Dutchin 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 **Sally Cahalan**

Whereas, Sally Cahalan, History and Political Science Instructor in the General Studies Division will retire from Western Technical College after completing 18+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Sally is a hardworking and thorough instructor, dedicated to her students and always willing to go above and beyond for student success; and

Whereas, she has drawn on unique experiences from her travels around the world, helping students learn unique global perspectives that shape their lives; and

Whereas, Sally possesses a deep knowledge of history, which she would regularly share with her students; and

Whereas, she is a kind and caring coworker, always taking the time to listen and help wherever possible; and

Whereas, her gentle sense of caring will so 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 Sally Cahalan 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 Sally many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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