ATTENDANCE
Mr. Dan Hanson, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 4:24pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in Room 408 of the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street N, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Board members present were: Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Sally Lister, Ed Lukasek, Joanne Sandvick, Tom Smith, Joan Sosalla, Dennis Treu, Dan Hanson and Lee Rasch, President.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING
Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 9:45am 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
Others Present: John Heath, Jay McHenry, Wade Hackbarth, Roger Stanford, Amy Thornton, Bruce Mathew, Janice Strupp, Denise Vujovich, Kari Reyburn, Emily Eichman, Josh Gamer, Shannon Havlik, Chad Dull, Ben Bierman, Lyndsey Thomas, Casey Meehan, Leah Durnin-Hoover, Barbara Foye, Julie Lemon, Don Thesing (Western staff), and Western student Jon Grotjahn.

CLOSED SESSION
3:04pm: Motion Sosalla, second Sandvick, that the Western Technical College District Board convene into closed session for the purpose of providing employee conferences regarding contract non-renewals under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Sec. 19.85 (1)(c). Roll call: Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lister, yes, Lukasek, yes; Sandvick, yes; Sosalla, yes; Treu, yes; Smith, yes and Hanson, yes. Motion carried.

4:19pm: Motion Laehn, second Treu, to adjourn from closed session. On roll call, motion carried unanimously. No action items.

OPEN SESSION
4:24pm: Mr. Hanson called the business meeting of the Western Technical College District Board to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion Laehn, second Lister that the Western Technical College District Board approve the minutes to the March 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS
Motion Laehn, second Lister, that the Western Technical College District Board approve financial reports for March, 2015 which include 1) Schedule of Payments; 2) Vendors Over $2500; 3) General Revenue/Expense report through March 2015. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0; Motion carried.

MECHANICAL DESIGN STUDENT – NASA OPPORTUNITY
Josh Gamer introduced Jon Grotjahn, Mechanical Design graduate, who has received a Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium scholarship and is currently participating in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars project. Jon provided a brief report of his positive experiences at Western.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Motion Lister, second Sosalla, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation honoring the following on retirement from Western Technical College: a) Barbara Foye; and b) Donald Thesing. Votes: Ayes 9; Opposed 0. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the resolutions in their entirety are attached to and incorporated in these minutes as Attachment A.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE
Shannon Havlik introduced members of the WEST Team – Wade Hackbarth, Casey Meehan, Lyndsey Thomas, Jay McHenry, Ben Bierman, Leah Durnin-Hoover and Kari Reyburn, who provided an update on Western’s sustainability program.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Dr. Rasch encouraged the Board to visit the Portfolio Review | Business Showcase that is occurring this afternoon in the Lunda Center. He also provided a brief description of the America’s Competitiveness Event held last evening at the Lunda Center.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT/UPDATE
Mr. Hanson provided reminders for upcoming Western events, and provided clarification of the School Board Member category for the District Board, which will not qualify under the employer or employee category.

NEW DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
Mr. Smith stated that members of the Sustainability Institute along with Western staff provided the District Board with an update on projects being undertaken and next steps for the future.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Mr. Smith advised the committee was provided a presentation on Higher Education Partners-Online Program Partnership and reviewed several college policies.

DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
Ms. Sosalla reported that 1) committee heard a subcommittee update; 2) committee was provided an extensive Vision 2020 update; 3) discussed the Board travel procedure; and 4) reviewed the provided financial reports.

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION ANNUAL UPDATE
Deferred.

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF $2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2015C OF WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT, WISCONSIN
Motion Lister, second Smith, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of $2,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2015C of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Roll call: Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lister, yes; Lukasek, yes; Sandvick, yes; Smith, yes; Sosalla, yes; Treu, yes; Hanson, yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE THREE YEAR SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
Motion Smith, second Lister, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Western Technical College’s Three Year Sustainability Plan, a living/breathing document. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0; Motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY REVISIONS FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION
Motion Lister, second Sandvick, to approve for second reading and adoption revised E0200 Admission. Votes: Ayes 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT’S ATTORNEY
Motion Lukasek, second Sosalla, that the Western Technical College District Board authorize administration to use Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis & Lacy, S.C. as needed for labor relations counsel during the remainder of the 2014-15 fiscal year. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0; Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT
5:36pm: Motion Smith, second Sosalla, that with no further business to come before the Western Technical College District Board, the meeting be adjourned. Votes: Ayes 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously.

[Signature] Luukasek, Secretary
Resolution of Commendation

Barbara Foye

Whereas, Barbara Foye, Math and Science Instructor in the Learner Support and Transition Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 30, 2015, 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, Barb is conscientious and thorough; always willing to take on a leadership role at Western or in state-wide initiatives; and

Whereas, after more than 40 years at Western (19 of which were part-time), her institutional and historical knowledge are unmatched, yet she is always willing to learn and try new things; and

Whereas, Barb has helped thousands of students improve their math skills, going above and beyond to ensure student success; and

Whereas, she is highly respected as a leader, teacher, and friend; and

Whereas, her mathematical expertise, kindness, caring, leadership, and the chocolate she always has hidden in her office 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 Barb Foye 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 Barb many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Don Thesing

Whereas, Don Thesing, Information Technology Instructor in the Business Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 30, 2015, 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, Don consistently works to improve the student experience through his own performance; and

Whereas, he loves interacting with students and helping them be successful; and

Whereas, Don has the ability to take complex concepts and make them easier to understand; and

Whereas, he is respected by his peers and is described as a “teacher’s teacher”; and

Whereas, his passion for helping students, as well as his compassion, honesty, and integrity 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 Don Thesing 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 Don many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.