WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes to Regular Meeting
August 18, 2015

ATTENDANCE
Mr. Dennis Treu, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 4:00pm on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 in Room 408 of the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard (via telephone), Carrie Buss, Dan Hanson, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Joan Sosalla, Dennis Treu and Lee Rasch, President. Board members Sally Lister and Dave Laehn were excused.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING
Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, August 14, 2015 at 11:30am 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, Kari Reyburn, Julie Lemon, Tracy Dryden, Denise Vujnovich, Amy Thornton, Janice Strupp, Deb Hether, Wade Hackbarth, and Roger Stanford (Western staff).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion Hanson, second Sosalla that the Western Technical College District Board approve the minutes to the July 13, 2015 Organizational, July 21, 2015 Special and July 27, 2015 Special meetings as presented. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS
Motion Hanson, second Sosalla, that the Western Technical College District Board approve financial reports for July, 2015 which include 1) Schedule of Payments; and 2) Vendors Over $2500. Votes: Ayes, 6; Opposed, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Deb Hether provided a brief K12 School Relations update. Dr. Rasch presented the La Crosse School District Partnership Award to Deb Hether which was recently presented to Western. Denise Vujnovich reported that as of August 17, 2015 and with 3 weeks to go to fall opening day, Western is up 4.29% in credit enrollment for Fall. If we were to start the Fall term 4% up, Western would be at 9.18% for the year so far (Summer + Fall); if 1% up then 6.7%; if even with last year for Fall, then the College would be 5.9% up for year-to-date. District Board members were invited to attend the September 3rd College Day activities. Dr. Rasch highlighted the letter received from the La Crosse Health Science Consortium thanking him for his 22 years of service to their Board. A News 8000 clip was shared highlighting Project PROVEN, which included Western student Kelly Knudtson. Dr. Rasch provided a brief legislative update.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT/UPDATE
Ms. Lawrence stated the Viroqua groundbreaking was a positive event and very much appreciated. Related to the District Boards Association summer meeting, Ms. Lawrence was impressed with the tour of Blackhawk’s Advanced Manufacturing Center. Mr. Lukasek reported that during the District Boards Association Trustees session, there was a slight overage on the budget related to the hiring of Paul Gabriel’s replacement.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Committee was provided a tour of the Integrated Technology and Horticulture Educations centers. In addition, reviewed a policy revision E0200 Admission and new policy – Veterans Admission and Call-Up.

DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
Ms. Sosalla reported that 1) committee was provided subcommittee and Vision 2020 updates; 2) reviewed the provided financial reports; and 3) discussed the August 4, 2015 Budget & Facilities Subcommittee agenda.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE
Kari Reyburn provided a Community Engagement update to include a two-year summary, lessons learned, and moving forward. She also provided information on the UGETconnected Volunteer Fair on September 22 at Valhalla, Cartwright Center. For more information: UGETCONNECTED.ORG
STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION
Deferred.

APPROVE REVISED MODULAR EDUCATION CENTER AS OUTLINED
Motion Buss, second Lawrence to approve the revised Modular Education Center as outlined. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously.

REVISED VIROQUA CAMPUS LINK - NEW FOOTPRINT
Motion Hanson, second Buss, to approve the revised Viroqua link as outlined and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its September 8-9, 2015 meeting. Votes: Ayes 6; Opposed, 1. Motion carried.

TOTAL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2015-16
Motion Sosalla, second Lawrence that the Western Technical College District Board approve the total salary adjustment of 2.04% for FY 2015-16. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

EXPANSION OF ON-LINE COURSE AND PROGRAM OFFERING
Motion Hanon, second Sosalla that the Western Technical College District Board authorize the investment of HEP resources in the infrastructure necessary to distribute online courses and programs, and provide additional consultation and expertise in implementing student services and faculty support. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

2015-16 DISTRICT BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
Motion Lukasek, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board approve District Board members to the positions as revised for the 2015-16 academic year. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

TID UPDATES
Joan Sosalla reported that Gordy’s will be moving to the City of Blair as well as Independence based on traffic. City of Independence will be creating a TIF. Dennis Treu reported the City of New Lisbon is proposing to make adjustments to two distressed TIFs. Reappraisal of properties will be conducted. Angie Lawrence reported the City of Viroqua TID 3 will be holding a JRB organizational meeting on August 27th. This will involve restructuring the districts.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion Lawrence, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A) Personnel: 1) Notice of Employment of a) Thomas Bouchard, Lunda Center Event Support, Finance & Operations; b) Susan Goldsmith, Nursing Instructor, Health & Public Safety, Academic Affairs; c) Alyssa Gostonczik, Career Services Mentor Advisor, Career Services, Student Development & Success; 3) Nicole Miller, Criminal Justice Instructor, Health & Public Safety, Academic Affairs; e) Jennifer Nettel, Business Management Instructor, Business Education; f) Tonya Van Tol, Project PROVEN Coordinator, Learner Support & Transition; g) Quinn Walraven, Assistant Grant Writer, Resource Development, Strategic Effectiveness & Engagement; h) Joseph Wiersgalla, Diesel & Heavy Equipment Instructor, Integrated Technology Division; 2) Notice of Retirement of a) Dave Thurston, Instructor, Apprenticeship, Integrated Technology; and B) Project Submission and Acceptance FY 2016 for 1) Great Lakes Dash Program – Quick Grants for Small Financial Emergencies and 2) Department of Education – Improve Reentry Education. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS
Dan Hanson expressed thanks for today’s tours of the Integrated Technology and Horticulture Education centers. Ed Lukasek requested a follow-up visit by Mechanical Design Student – John Grotjahn regarding his NASA opportunity and bridge project.

ADJOURNMENT
5:24pm: Motion Sosalla, second Buss, that with no further business to come before the Western Technical College District Board, the meeting be adjourned. Votes: Ayes 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Lukasek, Secretary