WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes to Regular Meeting
March 15, 2016

ATTENDANCE
Mr. Dennis Treu, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 4:04pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in Room 405 of the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Carrie Buss, Dan Hanson, Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Sally Lister, Ed Lukasek, Joan Sosalla, Dennis Treu and Lee Rasch, President.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING
Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 2:30pm 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: Wade Hackbarth, Bruce Mathew, Denise Vujnovich, Amy Thornton, Roger Stanford, John Heath, Jerry Miller, Janice Strupp, Mike Swenson, Lisa Heise (Western staff) and Fine Arts Club students

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion Laehn, second Buss that the Western Technical College District Board approve the minutes to the February 16, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS
Motion Sosalla, second Bosshard, that the Western Technical College District Board approve financial reports for February 2016 which include 1) Schedule of Payments; 2) Vendors Over $2500; and 3) General Revenue/Expense. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

FINE ARTS CLUB – SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL
Students shared their experience at the Sundance Film Festival. A brief video highlighting the events was shared.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT
The Executive Team provided a Student Government update on current projects, overview of duties and upcoming events.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Dr. Rasch provided a brief explanation of the Wisconsin Congressional delegation correspondence included in the board meeting packet. The 2015 Regional Progress Award presented to Western by the Chamber of Commerce was shared. Denise Vujnovich advised the regional learning centers short-term and long-term planning is moving forward. Dr. Rasch advised that a TIF law is being changed to require all active TIF districts conduct an annual meeting. A request to combine the meetings/dates will be submitted.

A Foundation update was provided by Mike Swenson including recent gifts, scholarships/industry partnerships, Integrated Technology Center courtyard, high school scholarships and the alumni association.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT/UPDATE
Mr. Treu reminded Board members of the following: a) March 17 Destination Education and District Board Advance and b) March 24 Board Appointment committee meeting.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Mr. Laehn reported that the committee was provided an Achieve the Dream update, reviewed several policies and procedures as well as a modified employee handbook procedure.

DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
Ms. Sosalla advised that the committee received a preview of the 2016-17 budget; discussed the BIS Continuing Education suspension rationale, was provided a Vision 2020 facilities update and reviewed the financial reports provided.
ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS | CONSTRUCTION BIDS
Motion Lawrence, second Hanson, to accept the following improvements: A) Eighth Street; b) Integrated Technology Center Courtyard; and C) Parking Lot H Upgrade. Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF $1,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES, SERIES 2016B, OF WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT, WISCONSIN.
Motion Lister, second Sosalla, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of $1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2016B, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Roll call: Bosshard, yes; Buss, yes; Hanson, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; List er, yes; Lukasek, yes; Sosalla, yes; Treu, yes. Motion carried.

APPOINT PRIVATE SECTOR REVIEW COMMITTEE
Motion Bosshard, second Buss, to appoint the Private Sector Review Committee for 2016-17. Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY REVISIONS FOR FIRST READING
Motion Hanson, second Buss, to approve the following policy revisions for first reading: A) A0121 Administration in Absence of Policy; B) A0122 Board Budget; C) A0123 Lifetime Membership Program; D) A0200 Delegation of Authority; E) A0201 Board-President Relations; F) A0203 President Evaluation; G) A0204 Services of Legal Counsel; H) A0205 Hold Harmless Policy for President; I) B0404 Surplus Property Disposal; J) B0500 Procurement; and K) C0407 Reimbursement for Interview and Relocation Expenses. Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

No action was taken on Policy E0707 Non-Academic Code of Conduct Hearing Process.

APPROVE POLICY | PROCEDURE REVISIONS
Motion by Buss, second Lawrence, to approve for first reading C0801 Performance Coaching Process & Progressive Discipline. Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE MODIFIED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK LANGUAGE FOR PROBATION PERIOD
Motion Lister, second Bosshard, to approve the modified employee handbook language for Probation Period. Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

TIF UPDATES
Ms. Lawrence explained that the City of Westby TIF is expanding to provide additional housing.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion Hanson, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A) Personnel: 1) Notice of Employment of a) Kemah Celestine, Director, Institutional Research, Strategic Effectiveness & Engagement; 2) Notice of Retirement of Richard Cantlon, Instructor, Wood Tech, Integrated Technology; 3) Notice of Resignation of: a) Robin Haugh, Instructor, Medical Assistant, Health & Public Safety; b) Lynn Lenz, Instructor, Respiratory Therapy, Health & Public Safety; B) Project Submission and Acceptance of: 1) FY2017-21 – Department of Education – TRIO Education Opportunity Center (EOC); 2) FY2015-16 – Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Funds; 3) FY2015-16 – General Purpose Revenue (GPR) Funds; 4) FY2016-17 Wisconsin Blueprint for Prosperity – High School Pupils Grant; 5) FY2016 – Workforce Advancement and Training Grants. Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
5:04pm: Motion Hanson, second Lukasek, 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.

Ed Lukasek, Secretary