WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes to Regular Meeting
February 28, 2017

Mr. Dennis Treu, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 4:05pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 in the Administrative Center, Room 408, 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 (via phone conference), Dennis Treu and Lee Rasch, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 10:30am 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: Wade Hackbarth, Denise Vujnovich, Janice Strupp, Amy Thornton, Roger Stanford, John Heath, Mike Swenson, John Flanagan (Western staff)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion Hanson, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the minutes to the January 17, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS
Motion Bosshard, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board approve financial reports for January 2017 which include: A) Schedule of Payments; B) Vendors Over $2500; C) General Revenue/Expense Report. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Motion Buss, second Hanson, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the resolution of commendation honoring John Flanagan on his retirement. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the resolution in its entirety is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Dr. Rasch referred to the Correspondence from Congressman Ron Kind in the meeting packet. Western will host the WTCS statewide Celebration of Agriculture on March 20. The April 18 District Board meeting will be held in Independence. Relative to the Governor’s budget, Western’s Legislative team will meet to develop a strategy. There will be an Achieve the Dream update provided in March 2017. Western is hosting the 2017 state-called Assessment conference on March 2-3 in the Lunda Center.

Mike Swenson provided a Foundation update as well as the campaign-planning project.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT
Mr. Treu provided a President Search update. Angie Lawrence highlighted the AACT National Legislative Summit she recently attended.

PASSIVE HOUSE INSTRUCTIONAL SITE | ADJACENT LOT PROPERTY SALE
Motion Buss, second Lawrence that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Passive House Instructional Site Adjacent Lot Property Sale as outlined and submit the same to the WTCS for approval. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

NAMING A COLLEGE FACILITY, INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY CENTER #108, FOR PURPOSES OF RECOGNITION
Motion Bosshard, second Hanson that the Western Technical College District Board approve naming of room #108 of the Integrated Technology Center the “anonymous honoree” Framing Lab in recognition of major financial gifts. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.
SPARTA PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY PROJECTS
Motion Lukasek, second Buss that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following projects as outlined and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its March 21-22, 2017 meeting: 1) Sparta Public Safety Training Facility Storage Facility; 2) Sparta Public Safety Training Facility In-Door Firing Range; 3) Sparta Public Safety Training Facility Parking Lot Renovation; and 4) Sparta Public Safety Training Facility Fire Tower. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY REVISIONS FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION
Motion Buss, second Sosalla that the Western Technical College District Board approve policy revisions for second reading and adoption of: A) A0112 – Removal from Office; B) C0408 – Special Conditions Warranting Stipends; C) D0113 – Courses for Auditors Aged 60 and Older; D) E0200 – Admission (including revisions). Votes: Ayes 9; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

TIF UPDATES
Dan Hanson provided a brief update on the City of La Crosse TIF. Sally Lister will be attending a City of Black River Falls TIF meeting on March 14.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Ms. Buss reported that the Planning, Policy & Instruction committee was provided an Assessment and Placement Phase II report, as well as reviewed two policies.

DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
Mr. Bosshard advised the Budget & Facilities committee addressed several topics to include: 1) Health insurance update; 2) subcommittee update; 3) Vision 2020 facilities update; and 4) financial reports.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion Hanson, second Lukasek, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A) Personnel – 1) Notice of Employment of a) Jason Mather, Youth Build Construction Trainer, Learner Support & Transition, Student Development & Success Unit; b) Aaron Rasch, Proven to Work Business and Community Coordinator, Learner Support & Transition, Student Development & Success Unit; c) Brian Shockey, Custodian, Physical Plant, Finance & Operations Unit; d) Gregory Stanton, Youth Build Case Manager, Learner Support & Transition, Student Development & Success Unit; 2) Notice of Retirement: a) Peter Bemis, Instructor, Landscape Design, Integrated Technology Division, Academic Affairs; b) Jeffrey Cermak, Instructor, Welding, Integrated Technology Division, Academic Affairs; c) Duane Yackwak, Instructor, Diesel, Integrated Technology Division, Academic Affairs; 3) Notice of Resignation: a) Catherine Dempsey, Professional Tutor, Learner Support & Transition, Student Development & Success Unit; and B) Project Submission and Acceptance 2017-18 - 1) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act Grant Program; 2) Small Business Administration – Challenge Grant. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT
4:55pm: Motion Lukasek, second Lawrence, that with no further business to come before the Western Technical College District Board, the meeting be adjourned and reconvene into closed session. Roll call: Bosshard, yes; Buss, yes; Hanson, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lister, yes; Lukasek, yes; Sosalla, yes; Treu, yes. Motion carried.

[Signature]
Ed Lukasek, Secretary
Resolution of Commendation

John Flanagan

Whereas, John Flanagan, Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on February 24, 2017, 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, John is very detailed, meticulous, and dependable; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in the planning and design of the Trane Center of Excellence, and his personality and experience made it possible to develop business partnerships and secure donations for the program; and

Whereas, John has an impeccable dedication to students, ensuring the program is delivering its promise of relevant, high-quality HVACR education; and

Whereas, he is a visionary team leader who is respected by his colleagues; and

Whereas, his contagious smile, calm demeanor, and thoughtful approach to challenging circumstances 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 John Flanagan 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 John many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.