Western Technical College District Board
Minutes to Regular Meeting
June 20, 2017

Mr. Dennis Treu, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 4:01pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 in the Lunda Center, 319 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Carrie Buss, Dan Hanson, Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Sally Lister, Joan Sosalla; Dennis Treu and Lee Rasch, President. Board member Ed Lukasek was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 12:05pm 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

Public Hearing on Proposed 2017-2018 District Budget
The Public Hearing on the proposed 2017-2018 Western Technical College District Budget was called to order at 3:47pm by Chair Dennis Treu on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 in the Kwik Trip Room of the Lunda Center at Western Technical College, 319 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Carrie Buss, Dan Hanson, Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Sally Lister, Joan Sosalla, Dennis Treu and Lee Rasch, President. District Board member Ed Lukasek was excused.

Mr. Treu stated that the public hearing was in compliance with State statutes/codes which mandate that a legal notice of the public hearing be published at least fourteen (14) days in advance; the legal notice of the public hearing along with budget summaries appeared in the District’s official newspaper, the La Crosse Tribune, on June 5, 2017.

Wade Hackbarth and Amy Schmidt provided an overview of the proposed District Budget for 2017-2018.

Mr. Treu called three times for comments or questions on the proposed District Budget for 2017-2018; there being none, the chair declared the Public Hearing closed at 4:00pm.

Approval of Minutes
Motion Lawrence, second Sosalla, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the minutes to the April 25, 2017 special meeting as presented. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0; Abstention 1. Motion carried.

Motion Bosshard, second Buss that the Western Technical College District Board approve the minutes to the May 16, 2017 regular meeting. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0; Abstention 1. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reports
Motion Hanson, second Lister, that the Western Technical College District Board approve financial reports for May 2017 which include: A) Schedule of Payments; B) Vendors Over $2500; C) General Revenue/Expense Report. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

Resolution of Commendation
Motion Sosalla, second Lister, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation honoring the following on retirement from Western: A) Peter Bemis; B) Jeff Cermak; C) Rosemarie Hoff; D) Lee Rasch; and E) Warren Pickar. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried unanimously. Copies of the resolutions in their entirety are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A, B, C, D and E.

President’s Report
Casey Meehan was introduced as the Sustainability Coordinator who recently accepted the Innovation Design, New Construction Award for the Integrated Technology Center presented to Western by the U.S. Green Building Council. Dr. Rasch provided a legislative update, and reminded Board Members of the 5:30pm Green Roof sculpture dedication.
INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REPORT
Dr. Roger Stanford provided a Wisconsin Leadership Development Institute (WLDI) report, and advised that he is a member of The Chair Academy.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT
Mr. Treu reminded Board Members of the August 15 District Board meeting and Advance session, and to those who are interested in serving on committees with the District Boards Association. Layla Merrifield provided a WI District Boards Association update.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC HEARING ON 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
A Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 proposed Budget was held at 3:45pm Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at Western Technical College, Lunda Center, Kwik Trip Room, La Crosse, Wisconsin. No comments or questions were presented for consideration at the time of the Public Hearing.

ADOPT 2017-18 DISTRICT BUDGET
Motion Sosalla, second Bosshard that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the 2017-18 District Budget. Roll call: Bosshard, yes; Buss, yes; Hanson, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lister, yes; Sosalla, yes; Treu, yes. Motion carried.

ADOPT THREE YEAR FACILITIES PLAN 2017-2020
Motion Lawrence, second Lister that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the Three Year Facilities Plan 2017-2020 as presented and submit same to the Wisconsin Technical College System Office for record. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TUITION REMISSION
Motion Lister, second Laehn that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following: A) 2016-17 Annual Report on Out-of-State Tuition Remissions; B) 2016-17 Enrollment Data on International and Domestic Students; C) 2017-18 Request for Remission of Out-of-State Tuition. Votes: Ayes 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

POLICY APPROVALS
Motion Buss, second Sosalla, that the Western Technical College District Board approve new policy A0126 Board New Directions for second reading and adoption. Votes: Ayes 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Bosshard, second Lister that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following revised policies for second reading and adoption: A) A0109 Orientation of New Board Members; B) A0201a Succession Planning; and C) E0200 Admission. Votes: Ayes 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

APPROVE AND ADOPT TOTAL SALARY I ADJUSTMENTS
Motion Lawrence, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board approve and adopt the total salary (1.3%) including the range (1.3%) adjustments for FY 2017-18. Votes: Ayes 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS
Motion Hanson, second Bosshard that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the following special resolutions for serving as Western Technical College District Board members: A) Sally Lister and B) Joan Sosalla. Copies of the resolutions in their entirety are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments F and G.

TIF UPDATES
A brief discussion on recently attended TIF meetings covered the following cities: Arcadia, Black River Falls, Viroqua, Hillsboro and Westby.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Ms. Buss reported that the Planning, Policy & Instruction committee was provided a report out by Linda Duffy on the recent study abroad trip; was provided an enrollment report and discussed the President performance evaluation tool.

DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
Mr. Bosshard advised the Budget & Facilities committee addressed several topics to include: 1) subcommittee update; 2) refinancing results; 3) Vision 2020 facilities update; and 4) financial reports.
CONSENT AGENDA
Motion Buss, second Sosalla, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Personnel – 1) Notice of Employment: a) Lisa Heise, Communications Specialist, General Studies, Academic Affairs; b) Mary Anna Thornton, Director, Achieve the Dream, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Achieve the Dream/Diversity, Student Development and Success; 2) Notice of Retirement: a) Jeannette Brownell, Instructor, Math and Science, Learner Support & Transition, Student Development & Success; b) Doreen Olson, Adjunct Faculty and Program Development Coordinator, Academic Excellence and Development, Academic Affairs; c) Karol Parr, Career Services Technician, Career Services, Student Development & Success; d) Joanne Richmond, Instructor, Ethics, General Studies Division, Academic Affairs; e) Carla Swerman, Instructor, Communication Skills, General Studies Division, Academic Affairs; f) Wanda Bowers, Instructor, Math and Science, Learner Support & Transition, Student Development & Success; 3) Notice of Resignation: a) Gregory Benz, K-12 Relations Coordinator, Recruitment, Strategic Effectiveness & Engagement; b) Jean Herried, Administrative Program Assistant, Public Safety, Health & Public Safety Division, Academic Affairs; 2) Project Submission and Acceptance: 1) Department of Education – Child Care Access Means Parents in School; and 2) DOE Veteran's Upward Bound.

ADJOURNMENT
5:09pm: Motion Sosalla, second Lister, that with no further business to come before the Western Technical College District Board, the meeting be adjourned. Votes: Ayes 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Ed Lukasek, Secretary
Resolution of Commendation

Peter Bemis

Whereas, Peter Bemis, Landscape Design Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, 2017, after completing 9 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Pete is determined and engaged, pushing the envelope for what he believes to be in the best interest of his program; and

Whereas, he is able to connect the dots between the program and the benefit to students; and

Whereas, Pete sees what needs to be done and takes action to make it happen; and

Whereas, he genuinely cares about those with whom he works; and

Whereas, his sense of humor and ability to engage with employers 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 Pete Bemis 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 Pete many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Jeff Cermak

Whereas, Jeff Cermak, Welding Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, 2017, after completing 35 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Jeff is always focused on student and program success; and

Whereas, he conducts himself professionally, serving as a bridge between management and faculty and helping to move the college forward; and

Whereas, Jeff is well known and respected at the College and in the community; and

Whereas, he can be very serious, but also has a quick wit and knows how to have fun; and

Whereas, his institutional knowledge and skills in the welding trade 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 Jeff Cermak 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 Jeff many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Rosemarie Hoff

Whereas, Rosemarie Hoff, Nursing Instructor in the Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, 2017, after completing 14 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Rosemarie is very hard working and detail oriented; and

Whereas, she has high standards for herself and her students; and

Whereas, Rosemarie is respected by her colleagues; and

Whereas, her work ethic and technological abilities 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 Rosemarie Hoff 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 Rosemarie many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Lee Rasch

Whereas, Lee Rasch, President of Western Technical College, will retire on June 30, 2017, after completing 28 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Lee truly epitomizes the role of a servant leader through his compassionate nature, thoughtful consideration, and sincere interest in his Western family members; and

Whereas, Lee is the face of Western, and his interactions with community organizations, businesses, nonprofit groups, and other higher education institutions directly contribute to the positive reputation of the College; and

Whereas, he works tirelessly on partnerships that improve the Western experience, yet also benefit local businesses with a more skilled workforce; and

Whereas, Lee made a point to personally share the message of Western’s Vision 2020 to more than 200 community sites around the district, and was instrumental in getting taxpayers to see the value of supporting the referendum; and

Whereas, he is visionary, not only for the college, but for the region and even the nation; most notably in elevating Western as a role model for sustainability practices; and

Whereas, Lee recognizes the impact we can have on an international scale. He has gone above and beyond his role as president to visit graduates in Cameroon, Africa, and helped organize support that improved the clinics where our graduates work;

Whereas, he is extremely humble in his own accomplishments, yet beams with pride when he talks about the achievements of the students, faculty, and staff; and

Whereas, Lee has led many groups at the local and system level, providing valuable historical perspective as well as innovative solutions for moving forward; and

Whereas, his steady and calm demeanor, his positive outlook, and the way he closes meetings with “let’s rock and roll” will be missed; and

Whereas, without his leadership, Western Technical College would not have the programming, the facilities, or the student-centric culture that it has today; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Lee Rasch 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 Lee many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Warren Pickar

Whereas, Warren Pickar, Agribusiness and Science Technology Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on June 30, 2017, after completing 26 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Warren’s passion for what he does comes through each and every day, and his excitement is contagious; and

Whereas, colleagues and community partners alike enjoy working with Warren; and

Whereas, Warren has created strong bonds with his students over the years that are still evident today; and

Whereas, he is the acting historian of the division; and

Whereas, his distinct laugh and positive attitude 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 Warren Pickar 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 Warren many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution of Commendation

Sally Lister

Whereas, Sally Lister has served as a member of the Western Technical College District Board for 21 years, from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 2017, and

Whereas, Sally has provided leadership to Western Technical College by serving as the District Board Chair (2001-2003); Chair of the New Directions Committee (1999-2000, 2004-2009); Liaison to the Western Foundation Board; and was the Western representative on the District Boards Association Program Committee (1999-2010), Local Delegate Committee (2000-2001), and Interdistrict/Interagency Cooperation Committee (2001-2017); and

Whereas, Sally has witnessed tremendous change in the technical college system and her years of experience on the board were a great asset, and

Whereas, Sally advocated for effective board practices, collaboration, and respectful communication. In the face of challenging issues, she could be counted on to provide thoughtful and meaningful input, and

Whereas, Sally believed in the full potential of the College and was a champion within the community for the Vision 2020 referendum, and

Whereas, Sally went out of her way to develop relationships with the faculty to better guide board decisions, and

Whereas, Sally attended conferences with the leadership team in order to increase her knowledge of the changes taking place in education and the technical college system; and

Whereas, Sally’s friendship, warm smile, and passion for the College, the students, and the businesses we serve will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved That the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its sincere and grateful appreciation to Sally Lister for her 21 years of service as a member of the District Board and extends to her continued best wishes for the future.

Adopted, approved, and recorded by the Western Technical College District Board on June 20, 2017

Dennis Treu, District Board Chair

Lee Rasch, President
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution of Commendation

Joan Sosalla

Whereas, Joan Sosalla has served as a member of the Western Technical College District Board for three years, from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, and

Whereas, Joan has provided leadership to Western Technical College by serving as the Chair of the Budget and Facilities Committee (2015-2016); Member of the District Board Policy Subcommittee (2016-2017); and was appointed to the District Boards Association Human Resources Committee (2014-2017); and

Whereas, as a former Campus Supervisor in Independence and Black River Falls, Joan brought thoughtful insight to her role on the board, and

Whereas, Joan has an extensive background in all levels of education, and truly believes that education (and specifically, Western) makes a difference in people’s lives and helps to grow communities, and

Whereas, Joan, above all, advocated for students and the services that supported them, and

Whereas, Joan was an early supporter of the college’s role in sustainability; and

Whereas, Joan recognized the role Western could play in assisting rural libraries to become a community resource, and

Whereas, Joan’s thoughtful presence, infectious laugh, and wonderful sense of humor will be missed, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its sincere and grateful appreciation to Joan Sosalla for her three years of service as a member of the District Board and extends to her continued best wishes for the future.

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Dennis Treu, District Board Chair

Lee Rasch, President