Ms. Angie Lawrence, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 4:01 pm on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 7th Street N, Room 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Carrie Buss, Dan Hanson, Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Ken Peterson, and Roger Stanford, President. Board members Michelle Greendeer-Rave and Dennis Treu were excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, April 13, 2018, at 10:29 am 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, Amy Thornton, Janice Strupp, John Heath, Bruce Mathew, Tracy Dryden, Rande Daykin, Kari Reyburn, Barb Kelsey, Sue Milde, Karol Parr, Barbara Fischer, Lori Olson, Mabel Gehrett, Barb Krieg, and Josh Gamer (Western staff)

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Motion Bosshard, second Buss, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation honoring Barbara Fischer, Barbara Krieg, Susan Milde, and Karol Parr on their retirement from Western. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. Copies of the resolutions in its entirety are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A, B, C and D.

DISTRICT BOARDS ASSOCIATION MEDIA AWARD
Roger Stanford announced that the District Boards Association recognizes local media who support the Wisconsin Technical College System. This year’s winner was Lisa Klein – Evening News Co-Anchor, News 8.

FACING HOMELESSNESS IN LA CROSSE
Kari Reyburn, Community Engagement Coordinator, shared highlights of Facing Homelessness in La Crosse, a collaborative community project which included Western, UW-La Crosse and Viterbo along with other local businesses.

HUMAN RESOURCES GAMES
John Heath introduced Lori Olson and Mabel Gehrett, Western Human Resource Instructors, who highlighted the recently held Human Resources Games hosted by Western. Over the last 12 years, Western has competed at six HR Games where they took first place five of those times, second and third once.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA
None

CONSENT AGENDA

STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE
Motion Buss, second Bosshard that the Western Technical College District Board approve Statements of Purpose for the Policy Subcommittee and Budget & Facilities Subcommittee. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Dr. Stanford highlighted the recently held meetings, tours and news/media coverage, provided reminders for upcoming meetings, announced that a $75,000 scholarship donation has been received. The Vice President of Academics search process has begun, and that RLC temporary plans for coverage will be shared in the near future. Employee contracts should be out by May 1 and due back to the Human Resources department by June 15. Lastly, Operation River Watch has been in effect for twelve years.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT
Ms. Lawrence thanked leadership team members who were able to attend a recent visitation. A reminder of the Graduation date was provided – April 21st. Dennis and Andrew will plan to attend ACCT Leadership Congress in October. Paperless meetings appear to be working.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT
The Planning, Policy & Instruction committee celebrated the recently signed Engineering program articulation agreement with Viterbo University. Topics of discussion included: graduation/job placement; labor market, board policies and revalidation of purpose and vision for the committee.

ADJOURNMENT
5:01 pm: Motion Buss, second Hanson, 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.

Daniel P. Hanson
District Board Secretary
Resolution of Commendation

Barb Fischer

Whereas, Barb Fischer, Graphic Design Instructor in the Business Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 23, 2018, after completing 27 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Barb is extremely dedicated to her students and their success; and

Whereas, she has served as the program chair for the Graphic Design program multiple times throughout her years at Western; and

Whereas, Barb has worked closely with the work-study students to keep the Creative Center staffed and available for students; and

Whereas, her teammates like and respect Barb for her dedication to students and her commitment to preparing them for careers in graphic design; and

Whereas, Barb is an inclusive colleague who always tries to involve everyone in decisions relating to her program; and

Whereas, her caring ways, her leadership, and her passion for student success 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 Fischer 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

Barb Krieg

Whereas, Barb Krieg, Associate Dean in the Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 30, 2018, after completing 6 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Barb is knowledgeable and active in the nursing profession; and

Whereas, she is supportive of personal growth and has the gift of persuading individuals to stretch themselves and grow; and

Whereas, Barb has great familiarity with legislation relating to healthcare professions; and

Whereas, she is a trusted confidant and friend; a caring and empathic administrator to both faculty and students; and

Whereas, her friendly demeanor, warm smile, and wonderful sense of fun in the workplace 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 Krieg 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

Sue Milde

Whereas, Sue Milde, Admissions Assistant in the Student Development and Success Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 30, 2018, after completing 38 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Sue is dependable and thorough, and cares deeply for students and the mission of Western; and

Whereas, she is an expert in what she does and willingly shares this expertise with her team and colleagues; and

Whereas, Sue is patient, approachable, and friendly; and

Whereas, she is a true team player who has an outstanding relationship with her co-workers; and

Whereas, her quick wit, kindness, and expertise in admissions 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 Sue Milde 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 Sue many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Karol Parr

Whereas, Karol Parr, Career Services Technician in Career Services, will retire from Western Technical College on May 31, 2018, after completing 43 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Karol started working at WWTI in Placement Services, now known as Career Services, more than 42 years ago, has moved 10 times, and reported to seven different supervisors; and

Whereas, she has always been a dependable and committed employee who is both professional and kind-hearted to everyone she encounters, including students, staff, faculty, and employers; and

Whereas, Karol stays up-to-date on what’s happening in the community and at the College and helps keep others in the loop in an effort to better help students; and

Whereas, she served as the Welcome Center “Sunshine Club” administrator for many years, sending 100s of cards, flowers, and gifts to co-workers experiencing any number of major life events; and

Whereas, Karol has been an integral and valued quadrant leader of Wisconsin TechConnect since its inception and has developed strong relationships with her colleagues across the state; and

Whereas, her emergency supply drawer, mad proofing skills, clever sense of humor, calm demeanor, and historical perspective of the College will be missed; therefore be it

Whereas, that the Board of the Western Technical College District hereby expresses its appreciation and gives a special commendation to Karol Parr 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 Karol many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.