Ms. Angie Lawrence, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 3:59pm on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 7th Street N, Room 408, La Crosse, WI. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Carrie Buss, Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Dan Hanson, Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu (via telephone) and Roger Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Thursday, December 14, 2017, 2017 at 3:37pm 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, Diane Neefe, Patti Balacek, Denise Vujnovich, Josh Gamer, Mary Harper-Lieder, Myra Withey, Duane Yachwak, Rande Daykin, (Western staff); Kyle Bakkum and Kristy Wiltrout (Vernon Memorial Hospital)

Motion Bosshard, second Buss that the Western Technical College District Board modify the sequence of agenda items. Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
Motion Lukasek, second Hanson, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation honoring Vernon Memorial Hospital as a Western partner. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. A copy of the resolution in its entirety is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA
Motion Bosshard, second Laehn to remove agenda item 5A2a - Retirement of Barbara Krieg. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion Bosshard, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes to the November 21, 2017 District Board meeting; B. Financial reports for November 2017 which include: A) Schedule of Payments; B) Vendors Over $2500; C) General Revenue/Expense Report. C. Personnel – 1) Notice of Employment - a) Alex Bahl, Mechanical Design Instructor, Integrated Technology Division, Academic Affairs Unit; b) Cody Bork, Instructor Diesel, Integrated Technology Division, Academic Affairs Unit; c) Kirsten Moffler-Daykin, Communications Specialist, General Studies Division, Academic Affairs Unit; d) Matthew Sierra, Mechanical Design Instructor, Integrated Technology Division, Academic Affairs Unit; 2) Notice of Retirement - b) Sharon Opsahl, Instructor Nursing, Health and Public Safety Division, Academic Affairs Unit; 3) Notice of Resignation - a) Greg Stanton, Case Manager, YouthBuild La Crosse, Learner Support and Transition, Academic Affairs Unit; b) Julie Fargen, Instructor Nursing, Health and Public Safety Division, Academic Affairs Unit; D. College Policies : 1) Second reading and adoption : a) D0101 Accounting System; b) D0102 Faculty Credentials/Faculty Quality Assurance (FQAS); c) D0103 Performance Excellence; d) D0601 Copyright Compliance; e) D0604 Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems or Vehicles (UAS/UAV). Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors Over $2500 Report, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Hanson, that the Western Technical College District Board approve notice of retirement for Barbara Krieg, Associate Dean, Health & Public Safety Division, Academic Affairs with revised effective date of April 30, 2018.

RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION
Motion Buss, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation honoring the following on retirement from Western: A. Tim Kendhammer, Welding Technician, Integrated Technologies, Academic Affairs; B. Mary Lieder Harper - Instructor, Mechanical Design, Integrated Technologies Division, Academic Affairs; C. Myra Withey - Instructor, Mechanical Design, Integrated Technologies Division, Academic Affairs; and D. Duane Yachwak - Instructor, Diesel, Integrated Technologies Division, Academic Affairs. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. Copies of the resolutions in their entirety are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments B, C, D, and E.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Dr. Stanford highlighted the recently held meetings, tours and news/media coverage, provided several reminders for upcoming events, announced that the May 15, 2018 District Board meeting will be held in Independence, highlighted celebrations relative to Vision 2020 facilities projects, announced that the grant has been awarded for Inside Track. Amy Thornton and Josh Gamer provided an enrollment report.

DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT
Ms. Lawrence plans to attend the ACCT National Legislative Summit in Washington, DC on February 11-14; thanked the District Board for approving the nine District Board commitments; and provided a reminder of the April 17th President’s Scholarship Reception.

GRANTS UPDATE
Rande Daykin provided a grants update.

LEARNING COMMONS REMODEL
Motion Laehn, second Bosshard that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Learning Commons remodel as outlined and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its January 23, 2018 meeting. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

VETERANS CENTER REMODEL
Motion Lukasek, second Hanson that the Western Technical College District Board approve the Veterans Center remodel as outlined and submit the same to the WTCS Board for approval at its January 23, 2018 meeting. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

DISTRICT BOARD PLANNING, POLICY AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT
Ms. Buss reported that the Planning, Policy & Instruction committee was provided a Clery Act report.

DISTRICT BOARD BUDGET AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT
The Budget & Facilities committee discussed the capital borrowing plan; was provided a planning overview, information on the Western Foundation board agreement and subcommittee update; as well as discussed Vision 2020 facilities and financial reports 2017-18.

OTHER BUSINESS
Wade Hackbart shared that the advance refunding appears to be going through which amounts to $250,000.00 savings to the College; will be advised by the end of the week.

ADJOURNMENT
5:10pm: Motion Lukasek, second Hanson, 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.

Daniel P. Hanson, Secretary
Certificate of Recognition

Whereas, Vernon Memorial Healthcare has been a Western partner for over 10 years; and

Whereas, Vernon Memorial has donated over $450,000 in funding over the years to support a nursing faculty position at the College; and

Whereas, Vernon Memorial provides Western students with the essential experience by hosting between 80 and 100 students each year in clinical rotations; and

Whereas, when Western’s Viroqua campus was under construction, Vernon Memorial allowed Western to utilize their skills lab for consistent learning opportunities; and

Whereas, Vernon Memorial supports higher education and professional development for their employees; and

Whereas, Vernon Memorial is recognized as an outstanding partner not just by Western, but by the greater Viroqua community; now therefore be it

Resolved that Western Technical College and District Board hereby recognizes Vernon Memorial Healthcare as an industry partner and commends them for their generous contributions and support for the region.
Resolution of Commendation

Tim Kendhammer

Whereas, Tim Kendhammer, Welding Lab Technician in the Integrated Technology Division, retired from Western Technical College on October 31, 2017, after completing 19 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Tim was methodical about his work, doing so much behind the scenes and unbeknownst to his team; and

Whereas, he was able to maintain an inventory management system without a computer and still know precisely where everything was; and

Whereas, Tim was respected by his team and department and was not afraid to speak up about where we could all do better; and

Whereas, he did not expect praise and preferred not to be recognized; and

Whereas, his humorous banter, his kindness, and his willingness to lend a helping hand at a moment’s notice 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 Tim Kendhammer 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 Tim many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Mary Lieder-Harper

Whereas, Mary Lieder-Harper, Mechanical Design Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on December 31, 2017, 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, Mary is truly committed to student success and treats her students much like her own kids, with a very caring demeanor; and

Whereas, she has a candid, tell-it-like-it-is personality that fits very well with the employers that she serves; and

Whereas, Mary is well-liked by everyone and is known as a collaborative co-worker who works to develop ideas that are best for the group; and

Whereas, she is the go-to person for AutoCAD training; and

Whereas, her laughter and overall fun, outgoing personality 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 Mary Lieder-Harper 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 Mary many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Myra Withey

Whereas, Myra Withey, Mechanical Design Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on December 31, 2017, 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, Myra is one you can call or email at any time of day and she will be quick to respond; and

Whereas, she is dedicated to her students and creates lasting friendships with them even after graduation; and

Whereas, Myra is quiet, but knows when to speak up for the betterment of her students; and

Whereas, she is a great role model for women in non-traditional occupations; and

Whereas, her knowledge, skill, contagious smile, and overall kind personality 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 Myra Withey 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 Myra many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Duane Yachwak

Whereas, Duane Yachwak, Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technician Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, will retire from Western Technical College on December 31, 2017, after completing 24 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Duane is extremely dedicated and hardworking – always willing to put in the necessary time to meet the learning goals of the day; and

Whereas, he is very passionate about student success. His students know that he cares for them and wants them to succeed in life and in their careers; and

Whereas, Duane has been a pillar for the Diesel and Heavy Equipment program – much of how the program has persisted through the years, including the ability to purchase and refurbish used equipment, would not have been possible without Duane; and

Whereas, he is a team player who shares responsibilities and often volunteers to be present for extra events; and

Whereas, his humor and dedication 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 Duane Yachwak 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 Duane many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.