Ms. Angie Lawrence, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:03pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at the Western Technical College 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, Ed Lukasek, Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President. Board member Ken Peterson was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 10:47am 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: Bruce Mathew, Amy Thornton, Kat Linaker, Wade Hackbarth, Janice Strupp, Chaudette Miller, Kevin Dean, John Heath, Mike Poellinger, Mike Swenson, Rande Daykin, Tracy Dryden, Brianne Shane, Liz Wallace, Jay McHenry, Josh Gamer, Diane Neefe (Western staff)

Public Comment: None

Motion Bosshard, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation recognizing the following on retirement from Western: Carol Anderson, Joan Benson, Sally Davis, Linda McAllister and Jackie Reils. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. Copies of the resolutions in their entirety are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A, B, C, D and E.

District Board was provided the following reports/updates: Respiratory Therapy 2019 Top RT Challenge students, Foundation update, workforce and job market update, Academic Resource Center remodel, apprenticeship plan and a comprehensive grants update.

Updates were provided for policy and budget & facilities subcommittee meetings.

Items to be removed from consent agenda: C0206 Code of Ethics for Employees policy


Motion Buss, second Greendeer-Rave, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of $1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2019B, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Roll call: Bosshard, yes; Buss, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; Hanson, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes. Motion carried.

Dr. Stanford highlighted the recently held meetings, tours and news/media coverage and current priorities.
Under the District Board Chairperson report, reminder that President's evaluation will be received in the near future via email, an update from the Guided Pathways conference was provided, amazing feedback from President's reception, and reminder of Commencement this Saturday.

3:41pm: Lukasek, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c)(e), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, property matters and the President's evaluation. The Board will convene into open dialog session immediately following closed session. No action. Roll call: Bosshard, yes; Buss, yes; Hanson, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes. Motion carried.

6:29pm: District Board reconvened into open session.

6:30pm: Motion Laehn, second Treu, 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.

Carrie Buss, District Board Secretary
Resolution of Commendation

Carol Anderson

Whereas, Carol Anderson, ELL and Reading Instructor in the Learner Support and Transition Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 22, 2019, after completing more than 18 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Carol is a dedicated and thoughtful teacher who has led our English Language Learner program for many years; and

Whereas, she is an advocate for racially diverse populations on campus; and

Whereas, Carol is willing to go above her stated duties, including creating and leading a staff-to-student mentoring program through the Diversity Advisory Team; and

Whereas, when she believes in something, she will work hard to make it happen; and

Whereas, Carol’s passion for teaching is evident in the calm and welcoming manner in which she approaches students; and

Whereas, her advocacy for students, willingness to take on new projects, great laugh and sense of humor 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 Carol Anderson 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 Carol many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Joan Benson

Whereas, Joan Benson, Medical Administrative Professional Instructor in the Business Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 22, 2019, after completing 7 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Joan is steadfast in her support and weariless in her work to ensure the academic success of her students; and

Whereas, she is kind, empathetic, and cares deeply about her students; and

Whereas, in a specific example of her dedication, Joan worked with our support services to help a student with a disability meet the program’s typing requirement of 60 words per minute – with her feet!; and

Whereas, Joan’s positive attitude and unfailing commitment to students and 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 Joan Benson 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 Joan many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Sally Davis

Whereas, Sally Davis, Nursing Instructor in the Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 22, 2019, 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, Sally exceeds expectations in all areas of her work; and

Whereas, she looks out for others and is dedicated to making things the best they can be for students and staff at all levels; and

Whereas, Sally has a keen sense for others’ needs and goes out of her way to help; and

Whereas, she works behind the scenes and asks for no credit in all that she does; and

Whereas, Sally consistently does the right thing for the right reasons; and

Whereas, her leadership, expertise, kindness, and ability to make everyone feel appreciated 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 Sally Davis 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 Sally many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Linda McAllister

Whereas, Linda McAllister, Teaching Assistant in the Learner Support and Transition Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 20, 2019, after completing more than 28 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Linda is the queen of flexibility and versatility; and

Whereas, her title is teacher’s aide, she has always been willing to fill any needed role – from front office staff, grants data manager, and anything else needed to help students; and

Whereas, Linda has a calm demeanor and quietly infectious sense of humor that make coming to work enjoyable; and

Whereas, she is an excellent mathematician who has helped countless students through anxiety-provoking math classes and exams; and

Whereas, Linda has an amazing ability to connect with students in the classroom; and

Whereas, her generosity, willingness to listen, delicious cooking, and shared recipes 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 Linda McAllister 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 Linda many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.
Resolution of Commendation

Jackie Reils

Whereas, Jackie Reils, Nursing Instructor in the Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 22, 2019, after completing 7 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Jackie is a student-focused, intelligent, and kind person; and

Whereas, she consistently looks for ways to help students and ensures they have every opportunity to learn; and

Whereas, Jackie shares her knowledge with others and takes on leadership roles; and

Whereas, she has a way of making difficult concepts readily understandable; and

Whereas, Jackie has invariably gone above and beyond to make sure that our regional locations are represented and included; and

Whereas, her sense of humor, kindness, and dedication to nursing and our students 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 Jackie Reils 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 Jackie many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.