

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes to Regular Meeting
August 20, 2019

Mr. Andrew Bosshard, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:00pm on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the Western Public Safety Training Facility, 11177 County Road A, Room 101, Sparta, WI. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Kara Burgos, Carrie Buss, Dave Laehn, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President. Board member Michelle Greendeer-Rave was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, August 16, 2019 at 1:35pm 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: Wade Hackbarth, Janice Strupp, Amy Thornton, Kat Linaker, Diane Neefe, Mike Swenson, Tracy Dryden, Patti Balacek, John Heath, Kevin Dean, Melissa Elliott, Angie Martin and Steve McCombs (Western employees)

Public Comment: None

Motion Buss, second Treu, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation recognizing the following on retirement from Western: Paul Amborn, Steve McCombs, and Mark Running. 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, and C.*

District Board was provided the following reports/updates: Law Enforcement Academy, annual Experience 2025 review, policy subcommittee and budget and facilities subcommittee.

2:09pm: Motion Burgos, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board convene into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c) and (g), Wis. Stats. to discuss a personnel matter and to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral advice concerning possible, related litigation. The Board will reconvene into open dialog session immediately following the closed session. No action. Roll call: Buss, yes; Burgos, yes; Peterson, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

3:24pm: Motion Lawrence, second Treu that the Western Technical College District Board reconvene into open session. Roll call: Buss, yes; Burgos, yes; Peterson, yes; Laehn, yes; Lukasek, yes; Treu, yes; Lawrence, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

Items to be removed from consent agenda: None

Motion Buss, second Burgos, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. July 8 Organizational meeting minutes; July 2 budget and facilities subcommittee meeting minutes; July 9 policy subcommittee meeting minutes; B. Financial Reports – July - 1) Schedule of Payments; 2) Vendors Over \$2500; 3) Capital Projects Reports; C. College Policies | First Reading – A. Policy Reviewed | No Revisions – 1) A0106P Oath of Office; 2) B0110 Fund Balance Policy; 3) C0409 Recognition; B. Policy Revisions: 1) A0XXX Commitment to Sustainability and Resilience; 2) B0600P(a) District Board Travel; 3) E0500 Student Government; 4) F0105 Parking Regulations; C. College Policies | Discontinuance – 1) B0401 Use of Facilities, Equipment and Service; 2) C0800 Resignation During Contract Period; 3) E0702 Student Lockers. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Report, 1. Motion carried.

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

4:12pm: Angie Lawrence departed meeting.

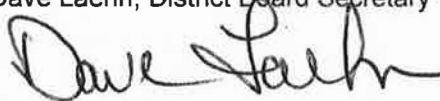
Dr. Stanford highlighted the recently held meetings, tours and news/media coverage and current priorities. Updates were provided on Western staffing, Veteran Center memorial, and enrollment.

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Under the District Board Chairperson report, members were thanked for making the ribbon cutting earlier today. Updates were provided regarding the ACCT meeting and District Boards Legal conference.

4:50pm: Motion Laehn, second Peterson, 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.

Dave Laehn, District Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Laehn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

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Resolution of Commendation

Paul Amborn

Whereas, Paul Amborn, Facilities Project Manager in the Finance and Operations Division, will retire from Western Technical College on August 31, 2019 after completing more than 29 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, starting as a maintenance trades assistant nearly three decades ago, Paul's work ethic, diligence, and thoughtfulness has left an indelible and prominent impact on Western's campuses; and

Whereas, through his focus and drive to better, he has continually and progressively advanced himself and the college facilities; and

Whereas, Paul's straightforward approach, promptness, and timeliness of service clearly demonstrates a commitment to Western and its mission; and

Whereas, he has the heart of a teacher, willing to share his knowledge and experiences to benefit those working with him; and

Whereas, Paul's willingness to embrace innovation has led to the implementation of many new systems and projects over the years; and

Whereas, his worldly expeditions, love of good music concerts, extensive contact list, and stories of family 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 Paul Amborn 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 Paul many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation

Steve McCombs

Whereas, Steve McCombs, Business Training Consultant in the Finance and Operations Division, will retire from Western Technical College on August 31, 2019, after completing more than 11 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Steve is described as the BIS chameleon, having a unique ability to be authentic and enthusiastic with all clients in a way that builds immediate trust; and

Whereas, Steve is compassionate and genuine in all of his interactions; and

Whereas, he recognizes what each person contributes to a project and is inclusive in his decision-making; and

Whereas, anyone who has worked with Steve is honored to consider him not just a colleague, but a friend; and

Whereas, Steve is a ray of sunshine, whether he is playing a part in the Breakfast Classique or asking "how YOU doin'?" in the hallways; and

Whereas, his heart-felt morning greetings, good cheer, quick wit, and ability to laugh at himself 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 Steve McCombs 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 Steve many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation

Mark Running

Whereas, Mark Running, HVAC Instructor in the Integrated Technologies Division, retired from Western Technical College on June 30, 2019, after completing 33 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Mark was a quiet yet impactful part of the division; and

Whereas, his colleagues appreciated his ability to seek clarification and provide valuable input; and

Whereas, Mark took projects head-on and always delivered; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in designing a state-of-the-art HVAC facility in the Integrated Technology Center's remodel; and

Whereas, Mark was a pillar of the division, respected by his co-workers for treating everyone equally; and

Whereas, his passion for his program and students, his ability to move the program forward, and his contagious grin 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 Mark Running 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 Mark many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.