

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 20, 2021

Mr. Andrew Bosshard, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 1:01pm on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI (room 408). Meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom technology. Board members present were: Andrew Bosshard, Carrie Buss, Majel Hein, Kevin Hennessey, Dave Laehn, Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Ken Peterson, Dennis Treu and Roger Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, April 16 at 1:06pm 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: Michaelleen Bonner, Kathy Nelson, Wade Hackbarth, Janice Strupp, Rande Daykin, Jerry Miller, Tracy Dryden, John Heath, Kat Linaker, Amy Thornton, Mike Swenson, Mike Poellinger, Nicki McCallson, Jilayne Karr, Claire Rueckheim (Western employees)

Motion Buss, second Lukasek, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolutions of commendation recognizing the following on retirement: Michaelleen Bonner, Bruce Kendall, Kathy Nelson and Paula Speropulos. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *Copies of the resolutions are attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A, B, C and D.*

Updates provided: Policy Subcommittee, Grants, Foundation, Workforce & Job Market and Health with Other Benefits

Motion Buss, second Treu, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes – 1. March 16, 2021 District Board Meeting, 2. April 12, 2021 Policy Subcommittee Meeting; B. Financial Reports – March – 1. Schedule of Payments; 2. Vendors over \$2500; 3. General Revenue/Expense Report; 4. Department Budget Summary; 5. Auxiliary Services Reports; 6. Capital Projects Reports; 7. Bids | RFPs Awarded; C. Policy Revisions | First Reading - 1. A0109 | A0109p Orientation for New Board Members | Development Opportunities; 2. A0112 Removal from Office; 3. A0128 Board Conduct Policy; 4. A0203 | A0203p President Evaluation | Procedure; 5. D0103 Performance Excellence; 6. D0200 Accreditation; 7. E0400 Student Financial Aid; D. Policy Discontinuance | First Reading – 1. A0127 Annual Performance Evaluation of President. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

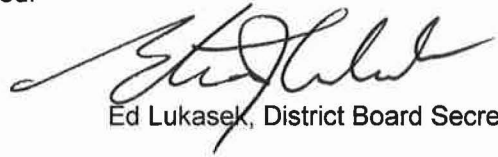
Motion Buss, second Hein, that the District Board adopt Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2021C, of Western Technical College District, Wisconsin. Roll call: Treu, yes; Peterson, yes; Lukasek, yes; Lawrence, yes; Hennessey, yes; Hein, yes; Buss, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried. (Board member Dave Laehn excused for portion of meeting).

Under the President's Report, it was announced the HIT program was fully accredited for five years. The Sparta GED Center is being addressed with a possible location within the library (one year lease). Information relative to a HLC Quality sprint was shared. COVID update was provided and members were reminded to order their "Return to Better" t-shirts.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, reminders for the May 4 and May 11 meetings were provided which will remain virtual. June 15 meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Congratulations were provided to Majel Hein on her work with Marine Credit Union.

3:18pm: Motion Lawrence, second Buss that the Western Technical College District Board convene into closed session for the purpose of discussing potential contract non-renewals and reductions under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Sec. 19.85 (1)(c). The Board will convene into closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c)(e), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of discussing the President's Evaluation. No action. Roll call: Treu, yes; Peterson, yes; Lukasek, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Hennessey, yes; Hein, yes; Buss, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

3:57pm: Motion Lawrence, second Buss that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Motion carried. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Lukasek', written in a cursive style.

Ed Lukasek, District Board Secretary



Western Technical College

Resolution of Commendation to **Michaeleen Bonner**

Whereas, Michaeleen Bonner, Health Sciences Instructor in the General Studies Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 26, 2021, after completing 23+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Michaeleen demonstrated patience and kindness with her students, always being available and doing anything to help encourage success among her students; and

Whereas, she is a nurturer by nature, always a great listener and showing care and concerns to others; and

Whereas, Michaeleen is a true giver, always willing to help a co-worker by taking an extra course, listening to a concern, or filling in during an absence; and

Whereas, her empathy and knowledge has made her a great friend to so many, always having keen insight into everyday issues in the workplace and society as a whole; and

Whereas, her wisdom, grace, and friendship 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 Michaeleen Bonner 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 Michaeleen many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Bruce Kendall**

Whereas, Bruce Kendall, Master Plumber in the Physical Plant, Finance and Operations, retired from Western Technical College on March 31, 2021 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, Bruce had a way to make co-workers smile, always coming to work with a smile on his face; and

Whereas, his main focus was to strive for 100% customer satisfaction, taking pride in making sure the campus facilities were well-maintained; and

Whereas, Bruce kept the grass green and the buildings' mechanical systems running smoothly for over three decades; and

Whereas, he was affectionately known as "Plumber," a hard-working employee known to everyone as a friend; and

Whereas his positive attitude, smile, and hard work 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 Bruce Kendall for his years of service and commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Bruce many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Kathy Nelson**

Whereas, Kathy Nelson, Respiratory Therapy Instructor, Health and Public Safety Division, will retire from Western Technical College on April 26, 2021, 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, Kathy takes her role as instructor seriously, always ready to assist students, fellow instructors, and associates of the program at a moment's notice; and

Whereas, her expertise in respiratory therapy is extensive, with years of bedside, pediatric and adult respiratory therapy, allowing her to share valuable knowledge with her students; and

Whereas, Kathy is the ultimate co-worker, always there to help answer questions, offer advice, and help in any way possible, knowing the challenging nature of teaching and demonstrating empathy to her colleagues; and

Whereas, she always has a caring and understanding approach to a variety of circumstances, guiding her students to continued success; and

Whereas, her knowledge, experience, and guidance 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 Kathy Nelson for her years of service and commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Kathy many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Resolution of Commendation to **Paula Speropulos**

Whereas, Paula Speropulos, Veterans Specialist in the Veteran Services Division, will retire from Western Technical College on May 7, 2021, after completing 32+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Paula is a reliable, detailed-oriented employee who made sure to complete her work as flawlessly as possible; and

Whereas, her commitment to Western is unmatched, going above and beyond to advocate for Veteran students, earning their admiration and respect; and

Whereas, Paula is loved by her co-workers and is always known for being a team player, never afraid of hard work while maintaining professionalism throughout; and

Whereas, she is a dedicated employee with over three decades of experience, greatly admired for her friendship and sense of humor; and

Whereas, her smile, friendship, and dedication to our military 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 Paula Speropulos for her years of service and commitment to excellence; and be it

Resolved, that the Western Technical College District Board, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students all wish Paula many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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