

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 11, 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, May 11, 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, May 7 at 11:31am 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, Rande Daykin, Jerry Miller, Tracy Dryden, John Heath, Kat Linaker, Amy Thornton, Mike Swenson, Jon Burman, Carl Newman, Earlyn Hanson, Angie Martin, Josh Gamer, Phil Reed, Patti Balacek, Julie Lemon, Mandy Church-Hoffman, Jay McHenry, Deb Hether, Darlene Campo, Christina Heit, Rebecca Hopkins, Brianne Shane, Kevin Dean (Western employees)

Motion Laehn, second Lawrence, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation recognizing Jon Burman on retirement. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.*

Presentations provided: Apprenticeship program and service highlight, three-year facility plan, mini-semester/trimester, workforce and enrollment updates.

Motion Buss, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes – 1. April 20, 2021 District Board Meeting; 2. February 16, 2021 Budget & Facilities Subcommittee Meeting; B. Financial Reports – March – 1. Vendors over \$2500; 2. Schedule of Payments; 3. Capital Projects Reports; C. Policy Revisions | Second 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 | Second Reading – 1. A0127 Annual Performance Evaluation of President. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Treu, second Laehn, that the District Board approve the non-renewal of employment contract for Colin Smith, Instructor, Health Science, General Studies, Academic Affairs. Roll call: Treu, yes; Peterson, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Hennessey, yes; Hein, yes; Bosshard, yes. Abstentions, 2. Motion carried.

Motion Buss, second Peterson that the District Board authorize administration to set and charge Western Technical College Fees and Rates for 2021-2022 as presented. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, it was announced that ESports will be offered at Western as another way to recruit students. Western has had positive media coverage recently. It was shared that all 16 WTCS colleges are discontinuing travel for the next year and using technology. DBA is focusing on in-person meetings. Travel, masking and vaccinations are top priority. Presidents List students will be released next week.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, reminders for the May 20 Western Explores event, May 26 Foundation golf outing and the June 15 board meeting will be offered hybrid.

3:37pm: Motion Lawrence, second Laehn that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Motion carried. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.


Ed Lukasek, District Board Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to **Jon Burman**

Whereas, Jon Burman, Electrical Engineering Technician Instructor in the Integrated Technology Division, retired 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, Jon was profoundly dedicated to his students, often working tirelessly to ensure every student received what they needed to be successful both in the classroom and in the field; and

Whereas, he was a relentless worker and early riser, often being the first employee in the building every morning; and

Whereas, Jon always had an inquiring mind, interested in how different processes worked and how they could operate more efficiently; and

Whereas, he is respected and well regarded by his colleagues, often able to help others with professionalism and kindness; and

Whereas, his sense of humor, problem-solving skills, and unique conversations with colleagues 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 Jon Burman 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 Jon many happy and satisfying years in his retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President

Andrew R. Bosshard, District Board Chair