

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**November 17, 2020**

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, November 17, 2020 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, November 13, at 11:06am 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, Kat Linaker, Mike Swenson, Rande Daykin, Amy Thornton, Jerry Miller, Tracy Dryden, John Heath, Kevin Dean, Shelley McNeely, Angie Martin, John Gillette, Dave Fish, Patti Balacek, Dan Murphy, Joan Pierce, Josh Gamer (Western employees)

Mr. Bosshard administered the oath of office to board member Ken Peterson who was appointed to serve the remaining term of a member who resigned with term ending June 30, 2022. Signature was obtained virtually from Ken Peterson affirming his understanding and compliance to Policy A0106-Oath of Office and Code of Ethics for the District Board.

Motion Buss, second Treu that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation recognizing Dave Fish on his retirement from his Athletic Director role at Western. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachments A.*

The following presentations were provided: BIS report | FY20 contract training, Enterprise update, COVID 19, program and service highlight Information Technology, capital borrowing and Experience 2025 update. Budget and Facilities subcommittee report were provided.

Motion Lukasek, second Laehn, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. October 20, 2020 District Board Meeting Minutes; B. Financial Reports – October 2020 - 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; C. Policy Revisions | Second Reading – 1. A0106p – Oath of Office; 2. A0121 – Administration in Absence of Policy; 3. A0122 – Board Budget; 4. A0123 – Lifetime Membership Program; 5. B0201 – Tuition, Program and Materials Fees; 6. B0204 – Fee Refund (Board Reference Only); D. Policy Review – No Revisions | Second Reading – 1. F0201 – Surveillance System Camera (Board Reference Only); E. Policy Discontinuance | Second Reading – 1. B0202 – Program Fees; 2. B0203 – Program Fees, Non-Aided Courses; F. New Program Development – 1. Associate of Arts Liberal Arts; and 2. IoT Integration Specialist Associate Degree. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Buss, second Treu that the District Board adopt the Resolution to Adopt Changes to the 2019-2020 budget. Roll call: Buss, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Treu, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

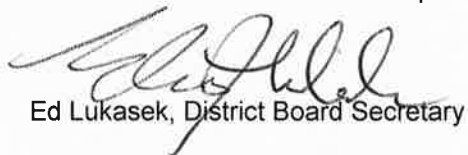
Under the President's Report, Dr. Stanford advised the Achieve the Dream annual conference will be virtual in February. There will be approximately 30 staff attending as well as Carrie Buss and Majel Hein. Legislative Summit will be virtual in February which may allow for more board members to attend sessions.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, Mr. Bosshard reported the December 15 meeting will be virtual with a fun event following regular session. Angie Lawrence provided a brief District Boards Association meeting; handouts are available on web site. Dave Laehn announced he plans to retire from the Bangor school district in June 2021 and after serving 12 years on Western's board.

4:57pm: Motion Lukasek, second Hennessey that the District Board will convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec 19.85 (1)(e), for the purpose of formulating the strategy regarding negotiations with a collective bargaining unit. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec 19.85 (1)(c), the District Board may convene in closed session and consider amending the terms and conditions of specific employment contracts at Western Technical College.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c), the District Board may convene in closed session to consider amending the terms and conditions, including compensation, for Roger Stanford's employment contract. Following any closed session, the District Board may reconvene in open session. Roll call: Buss, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Laehn, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Peterson, yes; Treu, yes; Bosshard, yes. Motion carried.

6:08pm: Motion Lawrence, second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Motion carried. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. District Board did not reconvene into open session.



Ed Lukasek, District Board Secretary



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## *Resolution of Commendation to*

### **Dave Fish**

*Whereas*, Dave Fish, Athletic Director in the Student Service and Engagement division, retired from his Athletic Director role with Western Technical College on June 30, 2020, 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*, Dave first began serving as interim Athletic Director in 1993, all while continuing to coach women's basketball for the next three years while working with the college in his recruitment role; and

*Whereas*, he worked countless hours for the student athletes at Western, working late nights and many weekends, often bringing his own children to attend or help; and

*Whereas*, Dave is a caring, thoughtful, and highly respected colleague, often soft spoken but with a touch of good humored sarcasm; and

*Whereas*, he is beloved by his former students, which is best exemplified during Western's women's basketball national championship run in 2019. Two vans were needed to transport the team, and all the players wanted to ride in the van with Dave; and

*Whereas*, Dave's knowledge and history of the Western athletic program will go unmatched, earning respect from his colleagues and players alike; and

*Whereas*, his dedication, love of Western, 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 Dave Fish for his years of service and his commitment to excellence with Western's Athletic department.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President

Andrew R. Bosshard, District Board Chair