

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 17, 2021

Ms. Carrie Buss, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 12:01pm on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at the Western Technical College Lunda Center, 319 Seventh Street North, La Crosse, WI. Board members present were: Carrie Buss, Lance Bagstad, Majel Hein, Kevin Hennessey (via phone), Ed Lukasek, Angie Lawrence, Andrew Bosshard (via phone), Ken Peterson, and Roger Stanford, President. Board member Dennis Treu was excused.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, August 13, 2021 at 12:13pm 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, Tracy Dryden, Kat Linaker, Amy Thornton, Mike Swenson, Patti Balacek (Western employees)

Motion Lukasek, second Peterson, that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation recognizing Joe Ideker on retirement from Western. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. *Copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.*

Presentations provided: SLT position papers, Higher Learning Commission – FAQs, Alliance for Innovation and Transformation (AFIT) and planning process outline.

12:32pm: Kevin Hennessey excused

Motion Hein, second Bagstad, that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. July 12, 2021 District Board Organizational meeting minutes; B. Financial Reports – July 1. Schedule of Payments; 2. Vendors over \$2500; 3. Capital Projects Reports and 4. Bids/RPFs Awarded . Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500 Reports, 1. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Peterson, that the District Board approve 2021-22 committee appointments as presented. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Bagstad that the District Board approve naming ITC300 the Joyce Wanek Center for Art and Design. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion Bagstad, second Hein that the Western Technical College District Board approve 2021-2022 Bargaining Agreement with the Faculty and Non-Teaching Professional (NTP) Unit of Local #3605 which increases the total base wage pool by the Consumer Price Index of 1.23%. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Motion Lukasek, second Peterson that the Western Technical College District Board approve 2021-2022 Bargaining Agreement with the Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel (PSRP) Unit of Local #3605 which increases the total base wage pool by the Consumer Price Index of 1.23%. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, it was announced that Ken Peterson, Carrie Buss, Roger and other Western staff will be attending a Board governance session following this meeting. The relationship with La Crosse police department continues to thrive. Western will be onsite during the upcoming Ashley for the Arts event. WLDI will be held in September 2021 virtually. Board was encouraged to watch the Town Hall video session which focused on Enrollment.

Under the District Board Chairperson report, reminder was provided that the District Boards Association annual meeting is this week; Ed Lukasek will represent Western. As of now, no one is planning to attend the ACCT Leadership Congress in October. Future Board meetings will be made available virtually for the unforeseeable future.

2:10pm: Motion Peterson, second Hein that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Motion carried. Votes: Ayes, 7; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.


Majel Hein, District Board Secretary



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Resolution of Commendation to **Joe Ideker**

Whereas, Joe Ideker, Custodian in the Physical Plant Division, Finance and Operations, retired from Western Technical College on June 15, 2021, after completing 18+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

Whereas, Joe always completed projects and work in a satisfactory matter; and

Whereas, he always brought ideas to the table, thinking about how work could always be done more efficiently; and

Whereas, Joe was always friendly, getting to know staff in the buildings he served and could easily strike up conversations with anyone; and

Whereas, he always loved to share ideas and coordinate team tasks, making sure to quickly come up with plans for the supervisor to accept; and

Whereas, above all, his ability to efficiently plow snow 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 Joe Ideker 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 Joe many happy and satisfying years in retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Carrie Buss, District Board Chair

Adopted, approved, and recorded by the Western Technical College District Board on August 17, 2021.