

**WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD**  
**Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**October 18, 2022**

Mr. Ken Peterson, District Board Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Western Technical College District to order at 2:06pm on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at the Western Technical College Administrative Center, 111 Seventh Street N, La Crosse, WI. Board members present: Lance Bagstad, Andrew Bosshard, Jim Dillin, Kevin Hennessey, Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Majel Hein, Angie Lawrence, Ed Lukasek, Ken Peterson, and Roger Stanford, President.

Notice of the meeting was posted publicly on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 8:52am 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, Julie Lemon, John Heath, Deb Hether, Eric Jacobson, Christina Heit, Brianne Shane (Western employees), and Layla Merrifield (District Boards Association)

Motion Bosshard, second Lukasek that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation for Cindy Lyga on retirement from the college. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. **A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment A.**

Motion Bagstad, second Lukasek that the Western Technical College District Board adopt resolution of commendation for Mike Swenson's years of service to Western. Votes: Ayes, 9; Opposed, 0. Motion carried. **A copy of the resolution is attached to and incorporated into these minutes as Attachment B.**

Layla Merrifield, Executive Director, WI District Boards Association provided a state budget update. District Board was provided a legislative update. Discussion occurred on key results and strategic goals; previous fiscal year's operating results; and annual calendar. Policy subcommittee chair updated the board on its activities.

TIFs/TIDs: Ms. Hein has upcoming meetings on two TIFs for the City of Onalaska.

4:15pm: Bagstad excused from meeting.

Motion Hennessey, second Bosshard that the Western Technical College District Board approve the following consent items as presented: A. Minutes - September 20, 2022 District Board Regular Meeting; B. Financial Reports – September – 1. Schedule of Payments; 2. Vendors Over \$2,500; 3. Vendor Payments Over \$50,000 | FY2021-2022; 4. General Revenue Expense Report | 2021-2022 (Final); 5. Department Budget Summary - August | 2021-2022 (Final); 6. Auxiliary Services Reports - August | 2021-2022 (Final); 7. Capital Projects Reports C. Policy Revision | Second Reading - A0100A District Board Values and Practices; D. Monthly Approval - Annual Board Resolution | Officials Subject to State Code of Ethics. Votes: Ayes, 8, Opposed, 0. Abstention to Vendors over \$2500, 1. Motion carried.

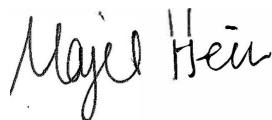
Motion Bosshard, second Hennessey that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the Resolution to Authorize the Tax Levy for the 2022-23 District Budget as presented. Roll call: Bosshard, yes; Dillin, yes; Hein, yes; Hennessey, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

Motion Lawrence, second Lukasek that the Western Technical College District Board adopt the Resolution to Adopt Changes to the 2021-22 Budget. Roll call: Bosshard, yes; Dillin, yes; Hennessey, yes; Hein, yes; Lawrence, yes; Lukasek, yes; Greendeer-Rave, yes; Peterson, yes. Motion carried.

Under the President's Report, Dr. Stanford highlighted several events including the Manufacturer's luncheon, Inland Label tour, college open house, La Crosse Chamber Oktoberfest event, Fort McCoy visit, Mayo/Gundersen meetings. Roger now serves as chair elect to AFIT and has been elected to the WTEA board. Western was awarded two state leadership grants; one a partnership with UW-Platteville as well as a leadership grant to recover lost students. PVP will be touring San Antonio College in November, who is the current ASPEN winner. The recent OTA site visit was a success.

During the District Board Chairperson report, a District Boards Association update was provided. Mr. Peterson is unable to attend the October 24, 2022 Foundation Board meeting and dinner.

4:58pm: Motion Lukasek, second Lawrence that the Western Technical College District Board adjourn. Votes: Ayes, 8; Opposed, 0. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Majel Hein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Majel Hein, District Board Secretary



# Western Technical College

## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Cindy Lyga**

*Whereas*, Cindy Lyga, Administrative Assistant for Western's Independence location, retired from Western Technical College on September 9, after completing 17+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Cindy was a dedicated and loyal employee of Western, always staying late to assist students and consistently being organized and prepared for day-to-day activities; and

*Whereas*, she was the most kind-hearted individual anyone could meet, truly caring for each co-worker and friend and providing wonderful advice to all; and

*Whereas*, Cindy helped so many co-workers learn and grow, always being gracious and giving of her time and talents; and

*Whereas*, she always believed in Western, her co-workers, and its mission, providing help and guidance to every student who walked through the doors; and

*Whereas*, her smile, eagle eye for proofreading, and deep knowledge of Western 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 Cindy Lyga 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 Cindy many happy and satisfying years in her retirement.

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Roger Stanford, PhD, President/District Director

Ken Peterson, Chair



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## *Resolution of Commendation to* **Mike Swenson**

*Whereas*, Mike Swenson, Executive Director of the Western Foundation, resigned from Western Technical College on August 9, 2022, after completing 10 years of loyal and dedicated service to the students, staff, and the District Board of the Western Technical College District; and

*Whereas*, Mike was a silent leader, providing strong direction and guidance, but always allowing his employees to take the lead; and

*Whereas*, he was always quick on his feet, having a unique ability to exude confidence when necessary and commanding a presentation; and

*Whereas*, Mike had a cool head and high emotional intelligence, never getting too worked up and was able to compartmentalize issues to focus; and

*Whereas*, he will be remembered at Western for his work on bringing several projects to life, including the Veteran Military Center, POW-MIA Memorial, and Joyce Wanek Center for Art and Design; and

*Whereas*, his leadership, compassion, and support 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 Mike Swenson 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 Mike Swenson the best in his future endeavors.

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