

Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

Board Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2020, 2:30 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

As a matter of public health safety, the Board meeting will not be conducted in person in the typical manner and, instead, will be conducted remotely for the express purpose of protecting public health and in compliance with directives to avoid public gatherings.

PRESENT: District 211: Dr. Daniel Cates, Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher
 District 214: Dr. David Schuler, Dr. Lazaro Lopez
 District 220: Dr. Brian Harris, John Bruesch
 District 512: Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. Maria Coons, Michelé Smith
 NECSS: Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum
NECSS Board Chair, D. Cates, called the NECSS Board meeting into order at 2:30 p.m.
 - Roll Call: 211- present; 214 – present; 220 – present; 512 - present

APPEARANCES

1. Public Comments
 - No public attendance or comments

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2019, NECSS Board Meeting
2. Approval of Financial Transactions-FY20 NECSS Budget Report Dated February 28, 2020
 - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Motion by D. Schuler, second by B. Harris
 - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 - aye
 - Motion approved

NEW BUSINESS

1. Harper Promise Eligibility Update – Michelé Smith
Harper Promise Scholarship Program Manager, Sean Warren-Crouch worked with each district's Promise Liaison to reflect changes made necessary due to COVID-19, to stop recording attendance as of March 1, 2020 and additional guidelines were put in place regarding grading, as well as a plan for giving greater flexibility for meeting the volunteer hour requirements. The Districts expressed their sincere appreciation for the work done on behalf of the students.
 - Motion to accept the recommendations for Harper Promise Eligibility as presented.
 - Motion by A. Proctor, second by D. Schuler
 - Roll Call: D211 – aye; D214 – aye; D220 – aye; D512 – aye
 - Motion approved

2. Harper Promise Report– Michelé Smith

Presented updated Harper Promise Scholarship information by district and class. B. Harris shared appreciation of having both the aggregate and district specific information.

3. FY20 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus Update

N. Awdziejczyk provided written updates on Board approved NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus, including Equity for All, Regional Alignment and Student Transitions.

- Equity for All Poverty Simulation event was cancelled due to COVID-19. We will revisit this event in fall 2020.
- Regional Alignment Endorsement work continues. Health Science Endorsement is available for this year. NIU EdSystems released an additional grant to support Team Based Challenges and transportation support for Work Based Learning. NECSS applied for and was awarded this grant, final amount to be determined, with the minimum award amount of \$10,000.
- Power of 15 has met with discussion centered on Dual Credit and how to maintain during COVID-19 integrity of dual credit, plans for assessments and lab activities. Power of 15 will reconvene on April 16, 2020 and again two weeks later, to continue to work to “do no harm” to students.
- Transitional English has been suspended at this time.
- Elementary Engagement was cancelled. Further discussion later in the agenda.
- Grant Compliance Technical Assistance Visit (TAV) - guidance received to conduct the TAV virtually with a narrative and phone conference, with further direction from ISBE to not seek any additional information from the districts at this time.

4. Perkins V Update

NECSS has been working with districts to complete each of the Local Needs Assessments. Once complete, a regional Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) will be the final step to complete. At this time, ISBE has extended the deadline to 30 days from when stay-at-home order expires.

5. Financial Update

Funds received to date, \$770,175 CTEI (73%), with additional CTEI funds anticipated within the next 30 days, and \$446,382 Perkins (78.5%).

6. Elementary Grant Discussion

Discussion centered on a review of the process and allocations for Elementary Grants. Perkins V has new unfunded mandates to push down to the 5th Grade. Nancy to continue to work with Council to determine the best way to use CTEI funds efficiently to meet the mandates and still honor the tenants of Perkins V.

Dr. Cates extended a welcome to Josh Schumacher, newly appointed Assistant Supt. for Instruction, who will serve on Council next school year representing D211.

7. Designation of NECSS Board Chair

Dr. Brian Harris has been designated as NECSS Board Chair for school year 2020-2021.

- Motion made by D. Schuler, seconded by A. Proctor
- Motion approved by voice vote.

8. Possible Future Agenda Items

Include a COVID-19 update, with broad impact on students and status of dual credit.

2019-2020 BOARD MEETING DATES

Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at Township High School District 214

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made that the NECSS Board enter Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the region, 51LCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

- Motion made by B. Harris, seconded by D. Schuler
- Motion approved by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board convened into Closed Session at 2:52 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to reconvene the NECSS Board into Open Session at 3:17 p.m.

- Motion by B. Harris, second by D. Schuler
- Roll Call: D220 – aye; D512 – aye; D211 – aye; D214 – aye
- Motion approved

Motion to raise the base hourly rate of pay for the Career Advisors to \$18 per hour, and in addition, each Career Advisor will receive an hourly rate increase of 1.75% for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Motion by D. Cates, second by B. Harris
- Roll Call: 512 – aye; 211 – aye; 214 – aye; 220 - aye
- Motion approved

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion by D. Schuler, second by A. Proctor
- Motion approved by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Township High School District 214
Board Room
2121 S. Goebbert Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005