

Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

Public Budget Hearing and Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 11:30 a.m.
Barrington CUSD 220, Conference Room B
515 W. Main Street
Barrington, IL 60010

PRESENT: District 211: Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher
 District 214: Dr. David Schuler, Dr. Lazaro Lopez
 District 220: Dr. Robert Hunt, Dr. Melissa Byrne
 District 512: Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. MayAnn Janosik, Dr. Michelé Smith
 NECSS: Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum
NECSS Board Chair, Dr. Proctor called the NECSS Public Budget Hearing and Board Meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.
 - Roll Call: 211- present; 214 – present; 220 – present; 512 - present
2. Welcome and Recognition of New Leaders
Dr. Proctor welcomed new leadership from Barrington, Dr. Robert Hunt and Dr. Melissa Byrne, to the NECSS Board.

APPEARANCES

1. Public Budget Hearing – FY22 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget
Motion to open the Public Budget Hearing for the FY22 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget.
 - Motion by L. Small, second by D. Schuler
 - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 – aye
 - Motion approved
2. Public Comments Regarding Proposed FY22 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget
Motion to close the Public Budget Hearing for the FY22 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget and convene the NECSS Board Meeting as scheduled.
 - Motion by L. Small, second by R. Hunt
 - Roll Call: 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 – aye; 214 – aye
 - Motion approved
3. Public Comments
 - No public attendance or comments

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approval of Minutes of June 2, 2021 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
2. [Approval of Financial Transactions/FY21 NECSS Budget Report dated June 30, 2021](#)
 - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Motion by D. Schuler, second by R. Hunt
 - Roll Call: 512 – aye; 211 - aye; 214 – aye; 220 – abstain
 - Motion approved

NEW BUSINESS

1. FY22 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget

N. Awdziejczyk shared allocations remained the same for the third year in a row. Funds typically held and released in spring were combined into the fall allocation. Recently, Rule 256 was passed regarding the development of the new funding formula. NECSS leadership is part of the leadership team advocating for transparency in the funding formula. NECSS budget has remained static to maximize funds. Dr. Schuler asked a clarifying question about the allocations, whether any additional Perkins funds were held back; not at this time. Dr. Proctor stated the importance of being aware of any impact on students' progression into higher education.

- Motion to approve and sign the FY22 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget as presented.
- Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
- Roll Call: 211 – aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye
- Motion approved

2. FY22 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus

N. Awdziejczyk highlighted the three umbrellas to which the Goals and Areas of Focus fall, Equity for All, Regional Alignment, and Student Transitions.

A recap of Equity for All and the “Poverty Simulation” event was shared. The event would be an opportunity to bring together the district school board members, as well as new administrative staff, with each institution receiving a number of seats and the ability to determine who best to participate. Such an event would continue the practice of periodically bringing all the boards together for a joint meeting. Event must follow OMA requirements, and will be posted, with one member providing a Board Secretary to conduct roll call to open and close the meeting.

Regional Alignment

Focus on IT as a region, marrying the needs of industry with resources to support the industry through updated curriculum and programs. NECSS Council to frame the charge for the summit.

Regional review of pathways will live in the Power of 15 with a tool to satisfy the LNA, CLNA, endorsements and comprehensive pathway review. Cycle to follow similar to the program review of Harper.

Student Transitions

Transitional Math, finished second cohort. Goal is to run Transitional English this year as a local agreement. Develop a tool for tracking effectiveness of the transitional courses.

- Motion to approve the FY22 NECSS Goals as presented.
- Motion by R. Hunt, second by L. Small
- Motion approved by voice vote.

3. Financial Update

C. Steetz gave the update on wrapping up the extended grants, preparation for the FY21 audit, a status for FY22 funds and thanked the teams for their assistance. The grant was approved August 12, 2021, with spending back to July 1. The Ed Pathway grant has not yet opened.

Dr. Schuler has met with NECSS on the banking fees issue, which is being addressed. Nancy shared bank fees were approved to be covered by grant funds.

4. Dual Credit Report

Report shared an increase of 12% over last year, in both transfer and career courses.

5. Partnership Opportunities

Dr. Proctor added this as a new standing agenda item.

Dr. Proctor suggested to bring together for collaboration the DEI individuals for networking and participation in creating professional development, and include in collaboration on equity initiatives.

6. Possible Future Agenda Items

Dr. Schuler and Dr. Small asked to continue to closely follow the discussions on the funding formula, and to continue to include as an update on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

- Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
- Motion approved by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Township High School District 211

1750 S. Roselle Road

Palatine, IL 60067