

**NORTHWEST EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**  
**NECSS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, August 29, 2018, 11:30 a.m.  
Harper College, Room W-218  
1200 W. Algonquin Road  
Palatine, IL 60067

**Dr. Kenya F. Ayers, NECSS Board Chair**

**PRESENT:**    District 211:    Dr. Daniel Cates, Dr. Lisa Small  
District 214:    Dr. Lazaro Lopez  
District 220:    Dr. Brian Harris, John Bruesch  
District 512:    Dr. Judy Marwick, Michelé Smith  
NECSS:         Dr. Kenya Ayers, Nancy Awdziejczyk

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum**

- NECSS Board Chair, K. Ayers, called the NECSS Board meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.
- Upon roll call, representatives from D211, D214, D220, and D512 were present

**2. Public Comments**

- No public attendance or comments

**3. Consent Agenda**

- Motion by D. Cates, second by L. Lopez, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
  - a. Approval of Agenda for August 29, 2018 NECSS Board Meeting
  - b. Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2018 NECSS Board Meeting
  - c. Approval of Financial Transactions/FY18 NECSS Budget Report dated June 30, 2018-Final
- Motion passed

**4. Informational Items**

a. NECSS Vice President Report-K. Ayers



VP Report August  
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- Please refer to K. Ayers' report for detailed updates on
  - NECSS Dashboard Release
  - Update on Special Populations
  - Financial Update
  - Middle College
  - GLCCPP/Joyce Grant Update
  - Transition Advisor
  - Engaging Elementary Schools
  - Strategic Plan
  - Goals for FY19

- Suburbanization of Poverty Impact Day
- Marketing Messaging Plan
- NECSS Partnership to Pathways Dual Credit Information Event

#### Discussion on Topics Included in K. Ayers Report

- NECSS Dashboard Release
    - The Dashboard has been discussed at Council and Marketing/Communications committees, validated by the Data Team, and uploaded to the NECSS website. The Marketing/Communications Committee created a “positioning statement” that creates aggregate-level context for the general public.
    - The Board recommended minor modifications to the Dashboard; K. Ayers will consult with Data Team on changes.
    - NECSS will host an annual data conference; the Dashboard will be updated on an annual basis.
  - Suburbanization of Poverty Impact Day
    - Suburbanization of Poverty Impact Day, which ties to Special Pops, will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018, Harper College, 8:30am-4:00pm. The day will begin with speakers and end with a poverty simulation. Keynote speaker is Elizabeth Kneebone, Research Director at UC Berkeley Turner Center for Housing Innovation and co-author of *Confronting Suburban Poverty in America*. Attendance is by invitation only, and invites will be sent out soon.
  - GLCCPP/Joyce Grant Update
    - FY19 launch of the Joyce Grant was held on August 23, 2018 at D211 from 12:00-4:00 pm. Discussion focused on High School Endorsements.
    - Consulting colleagues from NIU Ed Systems and ConnectED participated in the meeting.
  - Transition Advisor
    - Harper College has hired Katie Brooks as the new Transition Advisor. Katie will work with students in the Healthcare Pathway from all three high school districts and Harper College.
    - Transition Advisor position is being funded by the GLCCPP grant and Harper College.
- b. Grants/Financial Update-N. Awdziejczyk
- NECSS has received all FY18 Perkins allocations; awaiting \$50,720 in FY18 CTEI allocations. To date, we have not received any FY19 funds.
  - FY19 CTEI Grant approved - \$22,041 increase
  - FY19 Perkins Grant approved - \$30,648 decrease
  - The new ISBE Representative, John DeWeese, replaced Nancy Bittner. N. Awdziejczyk will meet with John on September 25, 2018.
  - N. Awdziejczyk will attend training on Perkins V, which is an update of the “Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.” Perkins V will place greater emphasis on work-based learning.
  - K. Ayers: The absence of a NECSS EFE Director offered a greater knowledge around the inner workings of the grant. K. Ayers acknowledged Angie Pellegrini in stepping up and completing additional responsibilities in closing the FY18 budget/grant.

c. Harper Promise Program Update-M. Smith



08-19-2018 Promise  
PRELIMINARY Totals

- A Draft of Promise Program initial data/pre-appeals dated August 19, 2018 was included in Board packet.
- Data Team members have been requested to provide the names of senior-year students who have recommitted to the Promise Program to Harper by September 22, 2018.
- Conversations taking place with high school representatives to ensure that high school seniors in the Harper Promise Program will be college ready following graduation. Additional conversations on college readiness will be held at Council meetings.
- High School students who do not submit required documentation by the deadline dates as well as high school juniors and seniors who receive a “D” or “F” are ineligible to continue in the Harper Promise Program.
- One six-semester Harper Promise graduate student from D220 started classes at Harper College. There also may be several December 2018 graduates enrolling at Harper in January 2019.
- Harper is in the process of hiring a fulltime manager for the Harper Promise Program.

d. Upcoming Event Dates-Board Meetings

- November 14, 2018, Township High School D211
- March 20, 2019, Barrington 220
- June 5, 2019, Township High School D214

**5. Strategic-Discussion and Sharing**

a. FY19 NECSS Goals/Priorities -K. Ayers



FY19 NECSS  
Goals-Priorities 8-29-

- 1) Develop Plan for Regional Workforce Model (M. Smith, Lead)
  - Council discussed launching NECSS partnership expansion efforts by beginning first in Healthcare followed by Manufacturing and Business. Process is to develop a guiding team (4-year partners, K-8 partners, community partners, employers, workforce system). The guiding team would provide a framework for communication and serve as a conduit for collaboration to identify and develop “super partners” (major employers) from a regional perspective.
  - NECSS Board affirmed that engaging major employers around a NECSS regional workforce model would be a valuable opportunity.
- 2) Create Marketing Messaging Plan (K. Ayers, Lead)
  - Marketing Team will review best practices and create a messaging plan with special emphasis on the Healthcare Pathway. The messaging plan will align with the PaCE framework.

3) Develop Healthcare Pathway (M. Zipp, Lead)

- The Career Committee, via the Great Lakes College and Career Pathways Partnership (GLCCPP)/Joyce Foundation Grant, will develop a plan to increase students receiving industry certificates and credentials in Health Sciences.

4) Engage Elementary/Middle Schools (N. Awdziejczyk, Lead)

- N. Awdziejczyk has begun the process of meeting with each of the nine elementary/middle school districts in our region which receive CTEI grant funding from our office. The intent is to develop a connection and an understanding of how the elementary/middle school districts can better utilize the CTEI funds allocated to them.
- D. Cates voiced concern regarding the amount of time that visiting the elementary/middle school districts may demand.
- N. Awdziejczyk stated the hours spent with the elementary/middle school districts will be minimal. Providing technical assistance to elementary/middle school districts is an EFE function and is also an ISBE grant mandate.
- ISBE has proposed an “Innovation in Elementary Career Initiative,” which requires regional activities beginning in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- J. Bruesch stated Barrington 220 middle schools will utilize Naviance software this year. College and career exploration will now be offered to middle school students so they can have experience within that program for use throughout their high school career.
- J. Marwick stated pathways and career connections are now being offered to younger students. NECSS exists to work together and help all students be college and career ready with programs that align with high school/college activities and priorities.
- ACTION: N. Awdziejczyk will provide a report to NECSS Board regarding elementary/middle school findings at November 14, 2018 meeting.

5) Hold Suburbanization of Poverty Impact Day (K. Ayers, Lead)

- Professional Development Committee, together with NECSS, organizing Suburbanization of Poverty Impact Day: Better Together, November 9, 2018. K. Ayers will provide the NECSS Board with an evaluation of the day.

b. FY19 Proposed NECSS Joint Agreement Budget-K. Ayers



FY19 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget-8-

- This year’s budget (in the Purchased Services/Professional Services category) includes expenses for a part-time data analyst, NECSS website maintenance, and Suburbanization of Poverty speaker.
- NECSS has been awarded several small grants from the 60 x 25 Network to plan and begin implementation for college and career pathway endorsements on high school diplomas and review transitional math student success outcomes.

c. **DRAFT NECSS 5-Year Strategic Plan (2018-2023) -K. Ayers**



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- Council is in discussions regarding the proposed NECSS 5-year plan as we seek to ascertain what we can accomplish as a region. Our goal is provide the NECSS Board with a completed document by the November 14, 2018 Board meeting.

**6. Action Items-K. Ayers**

a. Approval of FY19 NECSS Goals/Priorities

- It was moved by B. Harris, second by D. Cates, to approve the FY19 NECSS Goals/Priorities
- Motion approved

b. Approval of FY19 Proposed NECSS Joint Agreement Budget/Signing of the Joint Agreement Budget Form

- Motion by D. Cates, second by B. Harris, to approve the FY19 Proposed NECSS Joint Agreement Budget
- Motion approved

**7. Closed Session**

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.

- In the absence of Drs. Ender and Schuler, a Closed Session did not convene.

**8. Adjournment**

- It was moved by B. Harris, second by L. Lopez to adjourn
- Motion approved
- Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

**9. Next Meeting-11:30 a.m.**

Wednesday, November 14, 2018  
Township High School D211  
1750 S. Roselle Road  
Palatine, IL 60067