

Northwest Educational Council for Student Success Public Budget Hearing and Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 11:30 a.m.
Barrington CUSD 220, Administrative Center Boardroom
515 W. Main Street
Barrington, IL 60010

PRESENT: District 211: Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher
 District 214: Dr. Scott Rowe, Dr. Laz Lopez
 District 220: Dr. Craig Winkelman, Dr. Melissa Byrne
 District 512: Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. Ruth Williams,
 Dr. Michelé Smith (arrived at 11:42 a.m.)

 NECSS: Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum
NECSS Board Chair, Dr. Small called the NECSS 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. Scott Rowe, Superintendent for Township High School District 214, and Dr. Ruth Williams, Provost for Harper.

APPEARANCES

1. Public Budget Hearing – FY24 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget
Motion to open the Public Budget Hearing for the FY24 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget.
 - Motion by A. Proctor, second by C. Winkelman
 - Motion carries by voice vote

Public Comments Regarding Proposed FY24 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget
No public comments received.

Motion to close the Public Budget Hearing for the FY24 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget and convene the NECSS Board Meeting as scheduled.

- Motion by C. Winkelman, second by S. Rowe
- Motion carries by voice vote

2. Public Comments
Patricia Martin and Diane Latta from the Hoffman Estates Chapter of The Links Incorporated, addressed the NECSS Board to share information on the Elevating Youth Voices through written word, spoken word, and the Arts: Mental Health and Our Black Youth (EYV) program.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2023 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
2. [Approval of Financial Transactions FY23 NECSS Budget Report dated July 18, 2023](#)
 - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Motion by C. Winkelman, second by A. Proctor
 - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 - aye; 211 – aye
 - Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS

1. [FY24 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget](#)

Motion to approve and sign the FY24 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget as presented.

- Motion by S. Rowe, second by C. Winkelman

N. Awdziejczyk presented the FY24 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget based on the tentative FY24 budget presented in June. This budget reflects funds received after that meeting, based on the FY23 enrollment in CTE. Our region received the largest allocation for all systems without a career center across the state, and due in large part to the commitment to correctly assigning courses in the system. Dr. Small acknowledged the amount of work and man hours put into properly assigning the courses by NECSS and the representatives from the partners. Dr. Lopez inquired about the revised funding formula. N. Awdziejczyk explained the revision is expected to be released in November and the state has not shared the impact. No public comment is scheduled. NECSS regional CTE enrollment has increased in the past five years. The state will use this year for next year's allocation.

- Roll Call: 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 – aye; 214 – aye
- Motion carries

2. [FY24 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus](#)

Motion to approve the FY24 NECSS Goals as presented.

- Motion by C. Winkelman, second by A. Proctor

N. Awdziejczyk presented a new format for this year's Goals and Areas of Focus. The first goal under Equity for All looking at alignment of placement into Transitional Math and English courses. The second goal for Equity for All is to ensure students have equitable access to dual credit courses. Conduct an audit of dual credit enrollment and create a report and plan of action for any gaps found. Dr. Proctor asked how the committee will define gaps? The taskforce will address this as part of their work. Dr. Lopez asked for follow-up at Council. Dr. Byrne also suggested using specific data from the Equity Journey Continuum to help start these conversations. The third goal highlighted is Regional Alignment and onboarding of new members. Dr. Small suggested if ever there are a lot of new members, then consider a centralized component similar to what was done in the past. The fourth goal is to develop a process for program planning and including increased Advisory participation. Creating a crosswalk to find commonality for alignment. The fifth goal is in student transitions, focusing on opportunities to secure access and support for dual credit students. Finally, under student transitions is a regional awareness of mental health crises and strategies. Ongoing work includes the final year of the Education Pathway grant, as well as the next round of funding for the grant beginning FY25, awaiting the METT grant response, second year of the CCPE grant and the final year of the STAMP grant. Continued oversight of the Career Advisors and working with the Success Coaches. Dr. Proctor highlighted the opportunity of scholarships for students in the early childhood education pathway through ECACE.org.

- Roll Call: 512 – aye; 211 – aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye
- Motion carries

3. [Financial Update](#)

C. Steetz gave the update on the status of funding for all grants. All funds for FY23 have now been received. Currently, NECSS will undergo the annual audit for FY23. FY24 grants have been approved. A new FY25 grant was approved, with FY24 serving as a planning year for the new

CTE Education Pathway Grant. The new FY24 METT grant has not yet been approved. The past due balance of funds for the STAMP grant are anticipated to be received this fall.

4. [NECSS Board Chair Proposed Rotation Schedule](#)

Dr. Small asks if there is a Motion to approve the Proposed Rotation Schedule as presented. Motion by A. Proctor, second by C. Winkelman

- Roll Call: 211 – aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye
- Motion approved

5. [College and Career Pathway Endorsement Report](#)

N. Awdziejczyk shared the data on the number of endorsements earned in the NECSS region. State endorsement data is not yet available. Rules for Endorsements are scheduled to be open for comment in November.

6. Possible Future Agenda Items

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.

- Motion made by C. Winkelman, second by S. Rowe
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board convened into Closed Session at 12:11 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

1. Dr. Small asked for a Motion to reconvene the NECSS Board into Open Session.

- Motion by A. Proctor, second by C. Winkelman
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:25 p.m.

2. Motion that section 12. Benefits of Nancy Awdziejczyk’s contract and section 10. Benefits of Cara Steetz’s contract be clarified in regard to the contract-referenced District 214 document entitled “2022-25 Administrative and Supervisory Compensation and Benefit Program” as presented, including all four member districts contributing to tuition reimbursement beginning winter 2023 for Nancy Awdziejczyk and spring 2023 for Cara Steetz.

- Motion by S. Rowe, second by C. Winkelman
- Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 – aye
- Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Small made a Motion to Adjourn.

- Motion carries by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Township High School District 211
1750 S. Roselle Road
Palatine, IL 60067