

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

Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 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
 NECSS: Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz
 GUEST: Jennifer Kloss, CCPE Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum
NECSS Board Chair, Dr. Winkelman called the NECSS Board meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.
 - Roll Call: 211- present; 214 – present; 220 – present; 512 - present

APPEARANCES

1. Public Budget Hearing – [FY25 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget](#)
Dr. Winkelman asked for a Motion to open the Public Budget Hearing for the FY25 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget.
 - Motion by L. Small, second by S. Rowe
 - Motion carries by voice vote

Public Comments Regarding Proposed FY25 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget
No public comments received.

Dr. Winkelman asked for a Motion to close the Public Budget Hearing for the FY25 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget and convene the NECSS Board Meeting as scheduled.

- Motion by L Small, second by A. Proctor
- Motion carries by voice vote

2. Public Comments
No public comments received.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2024 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
2. [Approval of Financial Transactions FY25 NECSS Budget Report dated July 31, 2024](#)
 - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Motion by S. Rowe, second by A. Proctor
 - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 - aye; 211 – aye
 - Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS

1. [College and Career Pathway Endorsement Presentation](#)
N. Awdziejczyk introduced Jennifer Kloss, NECSS College and Career Pathway Endorsement Coordinator. This being the final year of this three year grant, J. Kloss presented an update on CCPE in our region, challenges and barriers with earning CCPE, and touched upon the plan for

transition over this year. Dr. Proctor inquired about the currency at Harper for CCPE and whether we are/can track the data. Dr. Small mentioned new legislation that allows school boards to step away from CCPE. Dr. Smith inquired about the ISBE Career Guide and the general state data referenced in the material. N. Awdziejczyk shared the ongoing engagement with elementary partners is included in the Areas of Focus. Dr. Small asked if there is any area where we don't have post-secondary credit connected to Harper pathways. N. Awdziejczyk indicated there are opportunities to connect in Education and IT Cyber-Security. Dr. Byrne requested that implications caused by changes made to courses at Harper should include the short and long term impacts to CCPE for the high schools. N. Awdziejczyk added, some programs like Fire Science, are only offered at Harper, and therefore would need to embed the work based learning and team based challenges in the curriculum.

2. [FY25 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget](#)

C. Steetz presented the Joint Agreement Budget. Local revenue is reduced with the final payments of the STAMP grant expected this fall. State CTEI revenue has increased with the final allocation awarded in July, which includes the new state leadership funds. Base Federal Perkins revenue remained relatively flat. However, since we are in year two of three for the METT grant and the third and final year of the CCPE grant, overall Perkins funds have increased. A comparison of expenditures was provided to show differences from the draft proposed budget presented in June to the final budget presented.

Motion to approve and sign the FY25 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget as presented.

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

3. [FY25 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus](#)

N. Awdziejczk presented the Areas of Focus, highlighting the intention to integrate the equity lens throughout each of our areas of focus. Equity for All will review trend data around college readiness and assess the impact of transitional courses. Regional Alignment will establish a committee to create a plan to establish a comprehensive dual degree program AA/AS/AAS and explore the option of creating a GenEd Core Curriculum Certificate. A second area of focus toward Regional Alignment will have the Data Committee conduct a comprehensive review of the NECSS Student Success Dashboard for alignment with regional initiatives and commitment to equity. This Area of Focus will add wording to reflect Dr. Proctor's request for the collection of data to include tracking data on recipients of CCPE and the benefit of the Harper CCPE currency being awarded (First Year Seminar). Student Transitions will continue the work from last year to develop and implement a regional transitional advising system that is both scalable and sustainable. This Area of Focus will add wording to reflect Dr. Smith's request to connect students in Work Based Learning in high school to apprenticeship programs at Harper. A second area of focus for Student Transitions will systemize our social emotional event from last year, using the information from the feedback survey, to create a plan for sustained engagement between organizations. Ongoing work includes the Educator Pathway, Elementary engagement for Professional Development to support the PACE framework, and possible renewal of the STAMP grant.

Motion to approve the FY25 NECSS Goals as presented with the addition of two data requests.

- Motion by A. Proctor, second by L. Small
- Roll Call: 512 – aye; 211 – aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye
- Motion carries

4. [Financial Update](#)

C. Steetz gave an update on the status of funding for all grants. All funds for FY24 have now been received. FY25 grants have been approved and funds have begun to be received.

N. Awdziejczyk worked with the districts to apply for additional Education Pathway grants which were approved July 24, 2024 for FY26 funding for the remaining three D211 schools and four D214 schools. The past due balance of funds for the STAMP grant are anticipated to be received this fall.

5. Possible Future Agenda Items

The FY24 Audit report will be presented at the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Winkelman asked for a Motion to Adjourn.

- Motion by L. Small, second by A. Proctor
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Township High School District 211

1750 S. Roselle Road

Palatine, IL 60067