

Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 11:30 a.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. 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, B. Harris, called the NECSS Board meeting into order at 11:34 a.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 April 6, 2020, NECSS Board Meeting
2. Approval of Financial Transactions-FY20 NECSS Budget Report Dated April 30, 2020
 - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
 - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 - aye
 - Motion approved

NEW BUSINESS

1. [COVID-19 NECSS Impact](#)
2. [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.

 - Regional Alignment - Healthcare Endorsement has been finalized and the Endorsement Committee will convene at the beginning of the 2020/21 school year to review next steps to complete Pathway Endorsements in Manufacturing and Business. NECSS has secured additional grant funding from NIU EdSystems in the amount of \$10,000.00 to support our work on College and Career Pathway Endorsements during the 2020/2021 school year.
 - The Power of 15 met virtually on April 30, 2020, to finalize and review any end of the year dual credit considerations from the implications COVID-19. All courses have been reviewed for lab hours and final assessments to ensure students were able

to complete the courses and arrangements made for withdrawal without penalty for students unable to complete. Pre-requisites in the absence of SAT scores for the upcoming year will be based on PSAT scores for incoming students.

- Transitional English has been suspended at this time. The Transitional English sub-committee has canceled all working meetings for the summer and will reschedule those meetings for the fall. The sub-committee will meet in July to review the newly released competencies and schedule fall work meetings.
- Grant Compliance Technical Assistance Visit (TAV) was completed and submitted to ISBE and documentation submitted to Steve Parrott on April 17, 2020. Grant allocations for 2020/2021 were received on May 27, 2020, identical to last year.
- Career Advisor Oversight. As schools moved to e-learning, NECSS provided Career Advisors with multiple professional development opportunities and resources over the past two months. Professional learning included two sessions of beginning and intermediate Google training, one session of mock interview training, and multiple resources for use in career exploration.

3. [Labor Market Data Software](#)

N. Awdziejczyk shared information on the option for securing additional Labor Market Data Software through a current vendor. This inquiry led to further discussion with Harper College. Dr. Proctor shared Harper has been evaluating proposals and estimates for a Labor Market Data software package. Michelé Smith explained the opportunity exists to make this software available at a regional level. Dr. Small shared her praise for the quality of the Labor Market Data received from Harper in the past. The additional cost for the extra license would be accounted in the NECSS budget for FY21 and would be used as part of a one year trial. Dr. Harris requested we point out when data from the software is used.

- Motion to approve the Labor Market Data Software as presented.
- Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
- Roll Call: 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 – aye; 214 - aye
- Motion approved

4. [Perkins V Update](#)

5. [Financial Update](#)

6. [Proposed 20-21 NECSS Budget](#)

- Motion to approve the Proposed 2020-21 NECSS Budget as presented.
- Motion by A. Proctor, second by L. Small
- Roll Call: 512 – aye; 211 - aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye
- Motion approved

7. [Proposed 20-21 NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations](#)

- Motion to approve the approve the 2020-2021 NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations as presented.
- Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
- Roll Call: 214 – aye; 211 - aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye
- Motion approved

8. Possible Future Agenda Items

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

APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

Dr. Harris, on behalf of the entire organization, extended best wishes and expressed the sincere appreciation to Dr. Cates for his many years of service to the NECSS Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion by L. Small, second by A. Proctor
- Motion approved by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Barrington D220

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