

Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.
Township High School District 214
2121 S. Goebbert Road,
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

PRESENT: District 211: Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher
 District 214: Dr. Scott Rowe, Dr. Laz Lopez
 District 220: Dr. Craig Winkelman
 District 512: Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. Michelé Smith
 NECSS: Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz
 GUEST: Michele Napier

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 11:31 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 March 20, 2024 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
2. Approval of [Financial Transactions FY24 NECSS Budget Report Dated May 31, 2024](#)
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Motion by C. Winkelman, second by S. Rowe
 - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 - aye; 211 – aye
 - Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS

1. [New Program and Course Development Process presentation](#)
Michele Napier (D211) and Cara Steetz (NECSS) presented on behalf of the team on the outcomes achieved in developing a New Program and Course Development Process.
2. [Financial Update](#)
C. Steetz gave the update on the status of funding for all grants. N. Awdziejczyk gave an update on the status of the new funding formula from ISBE. Dr. Rowe participates in a downstate group involved in this work and inquired about the participation in state leadership for CTEI and Perkins funding. N. Awdziejczyk represents NECSS in several groups, including serving on the System Directors Leadership Committee (SDLC) and being part of IACTE. Dr. Proctor and Dr. Smith shared that Harper is the co-convenor of the Northern Illinois Workforce Coalition (NIWC) which is a group of 14 community colleges who work jointly to leverage opportunities and resources aimed at developing workforce initiatives that benefit the region economically. In addition, Dr. Ivory helped to organize a summit for the Career and Technical Program Community College Deans across the state.

3. [Proposed 2024-25 NECSS Budget](#)

Motion to approve the Proposed 2024-25 NECSS Budget as presented.

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

4. [NECSS Audit](#)

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

N. Awdziejczyk summarized the status of the FY24 Goals and Areas of Focus. The FY25 Goals and Areas of Focus planning has begun, and will be vetted with Council at their July meeting and presented to the Board for approval at the August NECSS Board meeting.

6. [NECSS Time and Effort Certification](#)

7. [Proposed 2024-2025 NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations](#)

Motion to approve the Proposed 2024-25 NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations as presented.

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

8. [New NECSS Board Chair](#)

The Board thanked Dr. Lisa Small for serving as NECSS Board Chair the past two years.

Dr. Craig Winkelman will serve as NECSS Board Chair for 2024-25 and 2025-26.

Dr. Small asked for a Motion to approve the NECSS Board Chair for 2024-2025.

Motion by S. Rowe, second by A. Proctor

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

9. Possible Future Agenda Items

Monthly update for Quantum Tech Hub was added to the Council agenda.

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 A. Proctor, second by S. Rowe
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board convened into Closed Session at 12:27 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

- Motion by A. Proctor, second by C. Winkelman
- Motion approved by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:36 p.m.

Motion to approve a three year contract for Nancy Awdziejczyk beginning July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2027 with a salary increase of 4% above her FY2024 salary beginning July 1, 2024.

- Motion by S. Rowe, second by A. Proctor
- Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 - aye
- Motion approved

Motion to approve a three year contract for Cara Steetz beginning July 1, 2024 ending June 30, 2027 with a salary increase of 7% above her FY2024 salary beginning July 1, 2024.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Small asked for a Motion to Adjourn.

- Motion by A. Proctor, second by S. Rowe
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024 was rescheduled by email agreement.

Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Barrington CUSD 220
515 W. Main Street
Barrington, IL

D211 - Dr. Lisa Small, Superintendent; Joshua Schumacher, Assistant Superintendent

D214 - Dr. Scott Rowe, Superintendent; Dr. Laz Lopez, Associate Superintendent

D220 - Dr. Craig Winkelman, Superintendent; Dr. Melissa Byrne, Assistant Superintendent

D512 Harper - Dr. Avis Proctor, President; Dr. Ruth Williams, Provost; Dr. Michelé Smith, VP of Workforce Solution