

**NORTHWEST EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (NECSS)**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 11:30 a.m.  
Township High School District 214  
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Board Room  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

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

**PRESENT:**    District 211:    Dr. Daniel Cates, Dr. Lisa Small  
                  District 214:    Dr. David Schuler, Dr. Laz Lopez  
                  District 220:    Dr. Brian Harris, John Bruesch  
                  District 512:    Dr. Kenneth Ender, 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 11:30 a.m.
- After roll call, representatives from D211, D214, D220, and D512 were present

**2. Public Comments**

- No public attendance or comments

**3. General**

- Nancy Awdziejczyk, new NECSS EFE Director, was introduced to the Board
- D. Cates named 2018 Regional Superintendent of Distinction
- K. Ender received the Gary Davis Ethical Leadership Award
- D. Schuler named AASA's 2018 National Superintendent of the Year
- M. Smith awarded the Aspen Presidential Fellowship for Community College Excellence
- Krista Paul, D214 Assistant Director of Career and Technical Education, received 2018 Career Guidance Award

**4. Consent Agenda**

- Motion by D. Schuler, second by B. Harris, to approve the following Consent Agenda items
  - a. Approval of Agenda for June 6, 2018 NECSS Board Meeting
  - b. Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2018 NECSS Board Meeting
  - c. Approval of Financial Transactions from March 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018
  - d. Approval for Establishing a Public Hearing for FY19 NECSS Joint Agreement Budget
- After roll call, motion passed

**5. Informational Items**

- a. NECSS Vice President Report-K. Ayers



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- Please refer to K. Ayers' report for detailed updates on
  - Audit Rotation
  - Coordinating Council Retreat Update

- Data Workshop Feedback
- Marketing/Communications Committee
- Blueprint for Partnership Expansion
- GLCCPP/Joyce Grant
- High School Endorsements
- Transitional Math
- Middle College
- NECSS Data Champion
- Summit on the Suburbanization of Poverty
- NECSS Website
- Observations from High School Visits

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

- Data Workshop
  - The NECSS Dashboard is complete and will soon be integrated into NECSS' web site.
  - Dashboard is being reviewed for context, which will allow the public a better understanding of who NECSS is and what the numbers mean in relation to state and national perspectives. Our region is unique in identifying specific metrics and making this information available to the general public.
  - Council will review a context document prepared by K. Ayers and the newly-formed Marketing/Communications Committee. Document will then be presented to NECSS Board for approval.
  
- Marketing/Communications Committee
  - The Marketing/Communications Committee had its first meeting on May 17, 2018. Meeting focused on helping the group understand NECSS' work as it relates to each partner organization, discussed existing and upcoming initiatives, and assessed the need for various communication strategies.
  - Committee is preparing a context document that will give some essence about what/who NECSS is and tying it to the data. Ideas include:
    - 1) How to integrate the marketing into the existing fabric of communication in a meaningful way
    - 2) How to get sponsors involved so that as we plan future activities, we might bring community members alongside in a way that helps them become engaged in the work that NECSS is doing.
  
- High School Endorsements
  - Our region received a FY19 grant in the amount of \$6,500 to work on high school pathway endorsements. Earning an endorsement will indicate a student's readiness for career, civic, and college success. The idea is that high school students would all have an individualized transition plan, career-focused coursework, professional learning, and demonstrate academic success.
  - The Career Committee is taking the lead on this initiative.
  
- Middle College
  - Beginning fall 2018, a small number of D214 students will participate in a pilot program that represents the start of a "Middle College" option for qualified senior-year students to take all their classes on Harper's campus. This effort will begin with a focus on the Healthcare Pathway while anticipating additional disciplines across all districts.

- Students will receive engagement support from both their home high school and through the Transition Advisor on Harper's campus.
- Students from D214's Medical Science Academy, a two credit, full-year course open to highly motivated juniors and seniors interested in a career in medicine, will also be taking part of their classes on Harper's campus.
- Observations from High School Visits
  - Regional perspective on how to expand opportunities with K-8 and 9-12 schools:
    - 1) Pathway Education/Connection
      - Teachers
      - Principals
      - Parents
      - Labor Market Data
    - 2) Credentialing
    - 3) Regional Communication
- b. FY18 Status Report (Goals/Priorities)
  - Create/Implement Transition Advisor Pilot – Completed
  - Focus on two Special Populations Groups – Completed
  - Initiate process for NACEP Accreditation – Additional exploration in FY19
  - Develop Blueprint for Partnership Expansion - Completed
- c. Financial Update-K. Ayers
  - FY18 CTEI funds received - \$913,890; not received - \$145,860
  - FY18 Perkins funds are flowing
  - Grant is scheduled to close on Friday, June 29, 2018
- d. Harper Promise Program Update-M. Smith



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- M. Smith provided the Board with a Promise Program Update document dated April 20, 2018. Document shows number of students, by graduating class, enrolled in Promise Program.
- Periodic data is requested from each high school district to ensure accurate enrollment numbers.
- Harper will be contacting high schools to determine how many Promise Program students are six-semester graduates and will be attending Harper fall 2018. There may also be Promise Program students graduating in December 2018 and enrolling at Harper in January 2019.
- Harper is researching purchasing a student information system similar to Infinite Campus where students can review their Promise report card.
- Communication is vital in order for Harper Promise students to complete all required paperwork including signing a Continuation Agreement.
- Harper is in the process of hiring a full-time Harper Promise Program Administrator.
- K. Ender stated Harper received an additional \$500,000 for the Harper Promise Program.
- K. Ender indicated that Liberal Arts Dean, Dr. Jennifer Berne, explored student readiness data that had implications for our regional work and to share that data with K. Ayers.
- J. Marwick shared that there were opportunities for students beyond D211 to benefit from the Bridging the Gap initiative.
- Implications for the Harper Promise Program were discussed as well.

e. District Highlights-K. Ayers



- K. Ayers presented a PowerPoint document highlighting regional events - CTE Dollars at Work
  - D211 – Career Expo
    - April 4, 2018, Palatine High School, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, open to all D211 high school students and parents.
    - All 16 career clusters were represented.
    - Focus was on internships, career exploration, apprenticeships, and jobs.
    - Ninety-two local businesses participated.
  - D214 – Expanding Perspectives
    - Mock Trial in Law Pathway held at Hersey High School
    - May 14, 2018 Career Night - Parents of students in 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades within D214 were invited to the Future Ready Showcase focusing on the district’s Career Pathways Programs.
    - Educator Prep Pathway – A program dedicated to identifying and cultivating future teachers. Forty-four percent (44%) of 144 students who signed a commitment to Educator Prep are from under-represented populations.
    - D214 junior and senior students enrolled in the Practical Architectural Construction (PAC) course built an addition to and remodeled a single-family residence located in Arlington Heights.
  - D220 – Decision Day
    - Career information was presented to high school seniors as they were making their final college decision.
    - Trades Career Day – students presented with information on careers linked to college and career pathways.

6. Strategic-Discussion and Sharing

a. FY19 Proposed NECSS Budget-K. Ayers

- A revised FY19 NECSS Proposed Budget was provided to Board.
- Variations in FY19 NECSS allocations vs FY18 allocated funds:
  - 1) 2.2% **increase** in CTEI funds
  - 2) 4.7% **decrease** in Perkins funds
- K. Ayers provided the Board with a historical perspective showing student poverty count, by district, for FY15 through FY19.
- Board members suggested that these numbers may not accurately reflect poverty-level students because certain families may not want to be classified as being in a poverty level, and therefore, do not self-report when asked.

b. FY19 Proposed NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations-K. Ayers

- August 29, 2018 – ~~Barrington High School~~ Harper College
- November 14, 2018 – D211
- March 20, 2019 – ~~Harper College~~ Barrington District Office
- June 5, 2019 – D214

**7. Action Items-K. Ayers**

- a. Approval of FY19 Proposed NECSS Budget
  - Motion by K. Ender, second by D. Cates, to approve the FY19 Proposed NECSS Budget
    - After roll call, motion passed
- b. Approval of FY19 Proposed NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations
  - Motion by B. Harris, second by D. Schuler, to approve the FY19 Proposed NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations, with amended locations
    - After roll call, motion passed

**8. 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 by D. Schuler, second by D. Cates, to move to Closed Session
  - Motion passed
  - Moved to Closed Session at 12:25 pm

**9. Reconvene in Open Meeting**

- Motion by D. Schuler, second by B. Harris, to Reconvene in Open Meeting
  - Motion passed
  - Reconvened in Open Meeting at 12:40 pm

**10. Adjournment**

- Motion by B. Harris, second by K. Ender, to adjourn NECSS Board Meeting
  - Motion passed
  - Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm

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

Wednesday, August 29, 2018  
Harper College  
1200 W. Algonquin Road  
Palatine, IL 60067