

Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 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. Laz Lopez
 District 220: Dr. Craig Winkelman, Dr. Melissa Byrne
 District 512: Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. Travaris Harris
 NECSS: Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz
 GUESTS: Ben Rodriguez, Barrington CUSD 220
 Michele Napier, Township High School D211

ABSENT: Dr. MayAnn Janosik, Dr. Michelé Smith

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 – absent; 512 - present
 - Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum
2. Welcome and Recognition of New Leaders
Dr. Small welcomed Dr. Craig Winkelman, Superintendent for Barrington CUSD 220, and Dr. Travaris Harris sitting in for Harper, in place of Dr. MaryAnn Janosik.

APPEARANCES

1. Public Comments
 - No public attendance or comments

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2023 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
2. [Approval of Financial Transactions-FY23 NECSS Budget Report Dated May 31, 2023](#)
 - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - Motion by L. Lopez, second by C. Winkelman
 - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – absent; 512 - aye; 211 – aye
 - Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS

1. [NECSS Education Pathway Presentation](#)
N. Awdziejczyk introduced Michele Napier (D211) and Ben Rodriguez (D220) presenting on Regional Future Educator Pathways and the CTE Educator Pathway Grant.
2. [FY23 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus Update](#)
N. Awdziejczyk summarized the goals and areas of focus for the year.
Equity for All, Increased Achievement of Special Populations Students: The education pathway saw an increase in the number of non-traditional students from 11-14% since 2018. Similar to Transitional Math data, the first cohort of Transitional English had a success rate in ENG101 similar to their counterparts who qualified through traditional testing and course methods. A regional pilot program has begun to hire two dual credit advisors (Harper, grant funded) to assist

dual credit students across the region. *Suburbanization of Poverty*: Equity group has suggested a regional event geared towards the counselors/support staff who support this work.

Regional Alignment, *Building Regional Workforce Capacity (IT focus)*: work will continue into next year, with current grant opportunities to bring about collaboration between organizations and faculty. *Regional Review of Dual Credit Courses*: through the Power of 15, a process and schedule for review has been identified. A second Dual Credit Day is being planned for Fall.

On-Going Work Additional Initiatives, *Endorsements*: a report for FY23 will be presented at the August Board meeting.

Dr. Small asked the board to send any additional suggestions for goals and/or areas of focus for the coming year to her before the next NECSS Council meeting.

3. [Financial Update](#)

C. Steetz gave the update on the status of funding and expenditures for all grants.

N. Awdziejczyk gave an update on the status of the STAMP grant invoices and funding. The FY24 grants were approved for CTEI, Perkins, and CCPE. We have applied for the next round of CTE Education Pathway grant for 5 schools (Barrington, Conant, Palatine, Elk Grove and Wheeling) and will be notified in late August if we are awarded this grant. If awarded, funding for this grant would begin FY25. NECSS is working with Barrington, Palatine and Rolling Meadows to apply for the METT (Manufacturing, Engineering, Technology and Trades) grant. We will be notified by mid-September if we are awarded this three year, \$440,000 grant, starting with FY24.

4. [Proposed 2023-24 NECSS Budget](#)

- Motion to approve the Proposed 2023-2024 NECSS Budget as presented.
- Motion by L. Lopez, second by C. Winkelman
- Roll Call: 220 – aye; 512 – absent; 211 - aye; 214 – aye
- Motion carries

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

Time and Effort Certification documentation in keeping with the requirements of the grant.

6. [Proposed 2023-2024 NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations](#)

- Motion to approve the 2023-2024 NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations as presented.
- Motion by C. Winkelman, second by L. Lopez
- Roll Call: 512 - aye; 211 – aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye
- Motion carries

7. [New NECSS Board Chair](#)

Dr. Small discussed the typical rotation of the NECSS Board Chair. Districts 211, 220 and Harper have rotated through serving as Board Chair, keeping out D214 who serves as the fiscal agent for NECSS. In the past, when someone new has come in, the Chair has served twice. Dr. Small will serve as NECSS Board Chair for 2023-2024. Moving forward, Dr. Small proposed a two year rotation schedule, to lessen the challenge to NECSS of having to conform to the preferences of a new Board Chair each year. Information to be brought forth in August, with N. Awdziejczyk directed to create a two year rotation to share at the next Board meeting.

8. Possible Future Agenda Items

Dr. Proctor shared interest in creating regional programming around Mental Health, with funding available through Mental Health Early Action on Campus Act. Dr. Lopez added, the Surgeon General named Mental Health as the most significant health crisis, specifically among female teens. Dr. Winkelman shared that “Health and Wellbeing” was identified as the top priority in recent strategic planning in D220. As such, Dr. Proctor to connect the new Provost with NECSS to explore the possibility of creating a new Student Services taskforce. NECSS to add a SEL initiative in next year’s Areas of Focus.

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 L. Lopez, second by A. Proctor
- Motion carries on a 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 made by L. Lopez, second by A. Proctor
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:52 p.m.

Motion to award a salary increase of 4.1% for Nancy Awdziejczyk for the 2023-2024 school year, per the details of her contract.

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

Motion to award a salary increase of 4.1% for Cara Steetz for the 2023-2024 school year, per the details of her contract.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion by A. Proctor, second by L. Lopez
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Barrington CUSD 220

Administrative Center Boardroom

515 W. Main Street

Barrington, IL