



Board to explore the development of a Simon Youth Academy at Woodfield Mall. These learning environments would allow high school students to follow career pathways into community colleges and four-year universities.

- NIU will contact NECSS Board members to schedule this exploratory meeting.

✓ CTE FY16 Grants

- As with any grant, there are established guidelines and deadlines. The Illinois State of Board of Education (ISBE) established statewide deadlines to obtain needed information.
- One of these deadlines, related to funding, is to have ALL funds (with the exception of salary) obligated or spent by April 15.
- As of today's date, not all districts have spent their FY16 allocated dollars.
- **ACTION:** It is requested that NECSS Board charge Council to monitor the development of each district's process to ensure all grant deadlines are met.

✓ Effectiveness Measures

✓ Request for Dual Credit

## 5. Strategic-Discussion and Sharing

### a. FY17 Proposed NECSS Budget-C. Garcia

- FY17 proposed NECSS budget was submitted to ISBE and included in Board packet. Budget has not yet been approved by ISBE.
- Following FY17 budget approval by ISBE, budget will be presented to NECSS Board for final approval.
- FY17 proposed NECSS budget summary:
  - Allocations from both CTEI and Perkins have increased from previous year;
  - NECSS office expenses have decreased from previous year;
  - G. Banakis is new Education for Employment (EFE) Director. Her salary/benefits will be disbursed from CTEI grant;
  - K. Ayers is new Vice President. Her salary/benefits will be disbursed from CTEI grant, Perkins grant, and local funds;
  - High school districts and Harper College will allocate additional dollars into NECSS local funds to be expended for VP salary/benefits.
- Board voiced concern regarding the lack of a state budget and how that might impact disbursements to NECSS.
- S. Quirk-Bailey: NECSS has \$750,000 in reserves. A portion of these dollars could be used if state does not disburse/process funds in a timely manner.
- D. Schuler: Voiced concern regarding offering Career Advisor contracts if there is a delay in budget approval.
- G. Banakis: Career Advisors are offered contracts after NECSS budget is approved by ISBE.
- FY17 NECSS budget will be reevaluated at August 2016 NECSS Board meeting.

b. Annual Status Report-S. Quirk-Bailey

- FY16 NECSS Status Report was included in Board packet. S. Quirk-Bailey provided the Board with “Key Impact Trends and Annual Highlights” presentation.



NECSS Impact  
Trends and Annual Hi

- Increase in dual credit enrollment since 2010 (546 to 3,057 students)
- Enrollment at Harper of Dual Credit students since 2010 (162 to 541)
- Sixty (60) dual credit courses ran this year; 64 dual credit courses available for next year.
  - K. Ender stated it is becoming more financially difficult for community colleges to provide dual credit.
  - L. Lopez: Additional resources are needed to fund and expand dual credit.
- Increase in Career Prep Activities
- Recent HS grads beginning college ready
  - English – 6-point increase (78.8% to 84.8%)
  - Math – 29-point increase (45.8% to 74.5%)
- Progress on Multiple Measures in Math and English
- J. Marwick distributed
  - Harper College 2016/2017 Academic Placement Summary: Math



Math Placement  
Summary.pdf

- Harper College 2016/2017 Academic Placement Summary: English/Reading



English-Reading  
Placement Summary.pdf

- Resources
  - Coleman Foundation
  - Apprenticeship on Demand (AOD) Grant
  - 60 by 25 Grants
- Update of Key Initiatives
  - Promise Scholarship - 4,757 enrolled students
  - Power of 15 (Core) - 1,222 students enrolled in five courses
- Refocus on Collective Impact
  - Work as a region not individual districts
    - Promise is not just a Harper program but a NECSS program
  - Collective impact equals greater student success
- Thoughts for the Future
  - Common set of Measures and Indicators
    - How do we define success? What is our focus? How do we move forward?
  - Casting a wide net in defining NECSS
  - More flexibility across the Partnership
- **ACTION:** As requested, S. Quirk-Bailey’s presentation will be e-mailed to districts.

## Miscellaneous

- S. Quirk-Bailey accepted a new position as President of Illinois Central College in East Peoria. S. Quirk-Bailey: “It has been a privilege working with all of you.”
- K. Ender: Board/Council/Committee participant changes:
  - Maria Moten will represent Harper on Core Committee
  - Michelé Smith will represent Harper on Council and Board
- K. Ender: “Achieving the Dream” scheduled a November 7, 2016 workshop at Harper aimed at increasing college access and success. District Superintendents will be invited to this event.

### c. NECSS Salary/Benefits Distribution-S. Quirk-Bailey

- Clarification of NECSS staff payroll distribution agreement shared by districts.

### d. Redefining Ready!-D. Schuler



Redefining Ready  
AASA Webinar 06-01

- Redefining Ready is a national campaign to introduce a new multi-metric, research-based approach to determining what it means to be college ready, career ready, and life ready.
  - Students are more than a score. Multiple metrics include Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Algebra II, early college credits, industry credentials, attendance, and community service, among others.
  - D214 will create a readiness seal, which will be placed on qualified students’ transcripts.
  - D. Schuler will be presenting Redefining Ready nationwide this summer. Offered initiative to districts, Harper, and NECSS Partnership.
    - C. Garcia: Inquired if Redefining Ready information should be placed on NECSS website.
    - **ACTION:** S. Quirk-Bailey: Council will evaluate Redefining Ready and prepare recommendation to Board for possible placement of initiative information on NECSS website.
  - D. Schuler: Goal is to have this initiative become the template that is used as states prepare their implementation plans.
  - Initiative could become part of ISBE’s new state accountability system.
  - Proposing legislation to proclaim October as “National Readiness Month.”
  - D. Cates: Inquired about the delineation between college ready and career ready.
  - D. Schuler: Perhaps a better term would have been “Postsecondary Readiness.”
- ### e. FY17 Proposed NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations-C. Garcia
- August 17, 2016 – Barrington High School
  - November 16, 2016 – D211 Office
  - March 15, 2017 – Harper College
  - June 7, 2017 – D214 Office

**6. Action Items-S. Quirk Bailey**

a. Approval of FY17 Proposed NECSS Budget

- Motion by K. Ender, seconded by D. Schuler, to approve the FY17 Proposed NECSS Budget
  - Upon roll call, the motion carried.

b. Approval of Vice President and NECSS Board Chair Contract

- Motion by D. Schuler, seconded by B. Harris, to approve the Vice President and NECSS Board Chair Contract
  - Upon roll call, the motion carried.

c. Approval of FY17 Proposed NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations

- Motion by K. Ender, seconded by B. Harris, to approve the FY17 Proposed NECSS Board Meeting Dates and Locations
  - The motion carried.

**7. Closed Session**

- Motion by B. Harris, seconded by K. Ender, to move to Closed Session for further discussion on EFE Director Contract.
  - The motion carried.

**8. Adjournment**

- It was moved by D. Cates, seconded by B. Harris, to adjourn.
  - The motion carried.
  - The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2016  
Barrington High School  
616 W. Main Street  
Barrington, IL 60010