

# Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

## Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:30 a.m.  
Harper College  
1200 W. Algonquin Road, W218  
Palatine, IL 60067

**PRESENT:**     District 211:     Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher  
                  District 214:     Dr. David Schuler  
                  District 220:     Dr. Melissa Byrne  
                  District 512:     Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. MayAnn Janosik, Dr. Michelé Smith  
                  NECSS:             Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz  
                  GUEST:             Dr. Stephanie Whelan, Tony Bradburn

**ABSENT:**        Dr. Robert Hunt

### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum  
NECSS Board Chair, Dr. Proctor 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 November 17, 2021 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
2. [Approval of Financial Transactions/FY22 NECSS Budget Report dated February 28, 2022](#)
  - 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. [FY22 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus](#)  
N. Awdziejczyk shared an update on the May 4th Suburbanization of Poverty event, and thanked Harper for hosting and D211 for running the simulation. Currently there is a capacity limit of 60 for the presentation/meal portion of the event.

#### **DEI Professional Development - District-wide Micro-credential**

Dr. Whelan and Tony Bradburn were guest presenters on the DEI Professional Development. They shared information on the Equity Literacy Project and the collaboration with NECSS on forming a regional micro-credential around the course redesign work being done as a final project. Each organization to contribute \$2500 stipend for each participant who completes and implements the action plan for the course redesign. The presenters fielded questions on how this work differs from the ISBE credential and if there was a way to connect it for licensure. Feedback was shared on the naming of the NECSS micro-credential (Learning and Leading for Liberation) with the board requesting the ad hoc NECSS Marketing committee be brought together to assist in the rebranding and naming of the micro-credential.

Josh Schumacher left the meeting at 12:15pm.

Additional information was shared on the upcoming IT Summit, scheduled for March 31 at D214. Regional review of pathways was underway. Update on student transitions programs - Transitional Math and Transitional English was shared. The board requested the ad hoc NECSS Marketing committee be brought together to create a press release to share the information on the decline of remediation in math and the start of Transitional English, with the NECSS partnership being the only region to have Transitional English get approved for this year. ISBE has shared CTEI grant funding should remain level for next year, with Perkins expected a slight change (increase). The student survey conducted as part of the EFE review was well received with over 6,000 students responding. Superintendents should look to get their survey sometime next week.

2. [Financial Update](#)

3. [Harper Promise Update](#)

The Harper Promise has had consistent enrollment over the last four years. The Class of 2025 is the first group where Dual Credit earned counts as part of the 60 hours of the scholarship.

Dr. Schuler asked for clarification, to confirm it's only the Dual Credit coursework and not AP coursework, being counted against the 60 hours. Dr. Smith will confirm the specifics.

4. [Possible Future Agenda Items](#)

Dr. Smith shared information on the ABA grant. Harper would like to apply under category 3: Category 3: Ensuring Equitable RAP Pathways Through Pre-apprenticeship Leading to RAP Enrollment and Equity Partnerships. The category aims to increase diversity and equity in apprenticeships for underrepresented populations and underserved communities.

Harper will be responsible to get expected outcomes and outputs. Harper to get more information to the high schools (Dr. Small, Dr. Schuler and Dr. Byrne).

5. June NECSS Board Meeting

The meeting will be held in person at D214, and will include a presentation of findings by the Equity for All taskforce.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made that the NECSS Board enter Closed Session to discuss 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 M. Byrne, second by L. Small
- Motion approved on a voice vote.
- The NECSS Board convened into Closed Session at 12:47 p.m.

Dr. Lopez left the meeting at 12:47pm.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

- Motion approved by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board reconvened into Open Session at 1:14 p.m.

Motion to award a raise to the NECSS Executive Director and the NECSS Assistant Director for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Motion by L. Small, second by M. Byrne
- Roll Call: 211 - aye; 214 - aye; 220 - aye; 512 - aye
- Motion approved

Motion to award a new contract, extended one year through June 30, 2025, to the NECSS Executive Director and the NECSS Assistant Director.

- Motion by M. Byrne, second by L. Small
- Roll Call: 211 - aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye
- Motion approved

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion by L. Small, second by M. Byrne
- Motion approved
- Meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Barrington CUSD

515 W. Main Street

Barrington, IL 60010