

# Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

## Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 11:30 a.m.  
Virtual

*As a matter of public health safety, the Board meeting will not be conducted in person in the typical manner and, instead, will be conducted remotely for the express purpose of protecting public health.*

**PRESENT:**     District 211:     Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher  
                         District 214:     Dr. David Schuler, Dr. Lazaro Lopez  
                         District 220:     Dr. Brian Harris, John Bruesch  
                         District 512:     Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. MaryAnn Janosik, Dr. Michelé Smith  
                         NECSS:             Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz  
                         GUEST:             Dr. Robert Hunt, Incoming Superintendent D220

### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum  
NECSS Board Chair, Dr. Harris, 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 18, 2020 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
2. [Approval of Financial Transactions/FY21 NECSS Budget Report dated February 28, 2021](#)
  - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
  - Motion by L. Small, second by D. Schuler
  - Roll Call: 211 – aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 - aye
  - Motion approved

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. [FY21 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus](#)  
N. Awdziejczyk provided written updates on Board approved NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus, including Endorsements, the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement and Dual Credit Partnership Memorandum of Understanding.
2. [Financial Update](#)
3. [Year-to-date Budget Comparison](#)
4. [NECSS Intergovernmental Agreement](#)
5. [Harper Promise Update](#)  
Dr. Michelé Smith presented the updated Harper Promise Scholarship information. Discussion included clarification on the modification to the program criteria and handling of college credit hours earned in high school beginning with the class of 2025. Dr. Smith confirmed representatives from all stakeholders participated in the discussion that lead to the decision. Dr. Proctor shared the change was necessary to sustain the program. Harper continues to fund the program with the first cohort just finishing.
6. Possible Future Agenda Items  
June to include an Endorsement presentation, IGA, and Dual Credit Partnership Agreement.

## 7. June NECSS Board Meeting

The meeting will be held in person at D214, following appropriate social distancing guidelines.

### **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 A. Proctor, second by D. Schuler
- Roll Call: 512 – aye; 214 – aye; 211 – aye; 220 - aye
- Motion approved
- The NECSS Board convened into Closed Session at 12:08 p.m.

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion to reconvene the NECSS Board into Open Session.

- Motion approved by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:33 p.m.

Motion to raise the Career Advisor hourly rate by an increase of 2.25% for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion by D. Schuler, second by A. Proctor
- Motion approved by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Township High School District 214

2121 S. Goebbert Road

Arlington Heights, Illinois