

NORTHWEST EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

NECSS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 20, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

Township High School D214

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. Lazaro Lopez
District 220: John Bruesch
District 512: Dr. Kenneth Ender, Dr. Judy Marwick, Michelé Smith
NECSS: Dr. Kenya Ayers, Nancy Awdziejczyk
GUEST: Dr. Danielle Hauser, Township High School D211

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.
- Upon roll call, representatives from D211, D214, D220, and D512 were present

2. Public Comments

- No public attendance or comments

3. Consent Agenda

- Motion by D. Cates, second by L. Lopez, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
 - a. Approval of Agenda for March 20, 2019 NECSS Board Meeting
 - b. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2018 NECSS Board Meeting
 - c. Approval of Financial Transactions from November 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019
- Motion passed

4. Informational Items

a. Transitional Math Course with Portability-D. Hauser



Transitional Math
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- A committee with representatives from D211, D214, D220, and Harper College completed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Transitional Math Course. The MOU, signed by all NECSS Board members, and all subsequent attachments were submitted to the State ahead of the March 1, 2019 deadline.
- K. Ayers publicly thanked D. Hauser for her leadership and the committee for their work on the Transitional Math Course.
- D. Hauser summarizes Transitional Math Course with Portability: “Transitional math instruction provides high school students a means to address college readiness in mathematics before high school graduation, enabling students to earn guaranteed placement into college-level math classes at all Illinois community colleges and accepting universities.”
- The Transitional Math Course with Portability is not a traditional math class as it also includes an application in it that aligns to careers.

- Next steps include (1) a final exam; (2) decision from Portability Panel; (3) committee meeting in one year.
- b. Regional Work-Based Learning (WBL) Strategy-K. Ayers
- Great Lakes College and Career Pathways Partnership (GLCCPP) affiliated consultants have proposed a 5-phase plan in supporting NECSS with a WBL strategy plan.
 - By leveraging resources provided by funding from the Joyce Foundation/ConnectEd, NECSS is developing a regional WBL system which will include regional partnerships or “super partners”. The WBL strategy will align to the Illinois PaCE Framework and College and Career Pathways Endorsements (CCPE).
 - The initial focus will be on a Health Science pathway and ultimately replicate into additional industries in the College and Career Pathways Endorsement Framework.
- c. NECSS Vice President Report-K. Ayers



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- Please refer to K. Ayers’ report for detailed updates on
 - Update on Special Populations
 - Engaging Elementary Districts
 - Harvard University, A318: New Pathways for College and Career Readiness: Increasing Opportunity and Equity through Education
 - 60x25 Conference
 - Connections Conference
 - College and Career Pathways (CCPEs-High School Endorsements) Update
 - Great Lakes College and Career Pathways Partnership (GLCCPP) / Joyce Foundation Grant
 - Aspen Institute Case Study
 - Transitional Math Courses Grant Update
 - NECSS Committees Update
 - Finances
 - Dual Credit Update

Discussion on Topics Included in K. Ayers Report

- Engaging Elementary Districts
 - In keeping with our FY19 goals and Perkins V requirements, NECSS hosted a meeting with our elementary partners on March 18, 2019. Information was presented to provide context on the connection for our grant work. K. Ayers, N. Awdziejczyk, L. Lopez, and L. Small facilitated this engagement.
- Aspen Institute Case Study
 - The NECSS Board received a DRAFT copy of the Aspen Institute Case Study. K. Ayers indicated that recommended changes had been sent to the Aspen Institute.
- NECSS Brochure
 - The NECSS Board was provided with an updated NECSS brochure.

d. Financial Update-N. Awdziejczyk

- NECSS has received 58% of FY19 CTEI allocated funds and 77% of Perkins funds.

- Any additional FY19 CTEI funds NECSS receives from the State will be distributed among the three districts.
- FY20 budget allocations have not yet been received.

e. Career Advisors Presentation-N. Awdziejczyk



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- N. Awdziejczyk provided the Board with a PowerPoint presentation, “Career Advisors: A Best Bet in Helping Students Navigate their Futures!” which was offered at the Connections Conference on March 6-7, 2019. The presentation provided context for the work the regional Career Advisors do.
- N. Awdziejczyk will email the Career Advisor presentation to J. Bruesch, L. Lopez, and L. Small.

f. Upcoming Event Dates-Board Meetings

- June 5, 2019, Barrington 220

5. Strategic-Discussion and Sharing

a. Review of Harper’s \$50 Dual Credit Fee-K. Ayers

- At the June 7, 2017 NECSS Board meeting, the Board approved a \$50 dual credit fee for high school students enrolled in dual credit courses at Harper College. The NECSS Board also agreed the \$50 fee would be re-evaluated following the resolution of the State of Illinois’ financial crisis and its allocations to Harper College.
- The NECSS Board determined a more informed discussion and decision of the \$50 dual credit fee is necessitated.

6. Action Items-K. Ayers – Roll Call - TABLED

a. Determination to Maintain, Amend, or Withdraw Harper’s \$50 Dual Credit Fee

- No voting occurred.
- Additional discussion will follow at the June 5, 2019 NECSS Board meeting

7. 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.

- In the absence of Drs. Harris and Schuler, no Closed Session convened.
- Closed Session will convene on April 4, 2019.

8. Adjournment

- It was moved by K. Ender, second by L. Lopez to adjourn
 - Motion approved
 - Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

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

Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Barrington D220
515 W. Main Street
Barrington, IL 60010