

Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 11:30 a.m.

Harper College

1200 W. Algonquin Road, W-102

Palatine, IL 60067

<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>District 211:</u>	Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher
	<u>District 214:</u>	Dr. Scott Rowe, Dr. Laz Lopez
	<u>District 220:</u>	Dr. Craig Winkelman
	<u>District 512:</u>	Dr. Ruth Williams, Dr. Michelé Smith
	<u>NECSS:</u>	Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz

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 11:30 a.m.

- Roll Call: 211- present; 214 – present; 220 – present; 512 - present

APPEARANCES

1. Public Budget Hearing – FY24 NECSS Amended Joint Agreement Budget

Motion to open the Public Budget Hearing for the FY24 NECSS Amended Joint Agreement Budget.

- Motion by S. Rowe, second by C. Winkelman
- Motion carries by voice vote

Public Comments Regarding FY24 NECSS Amended Joint Agreement Budget

No public comments received.

Motion to close the Public Budget Hearing for the FY24 NECSS Amended Joint Agreement Budget and convene the NECSS Board Meeting as scheduled.

- Motion by S. Rowe, second by C. Winkelman
- Motion carries by voice vote

2. Public Comments

- No public attendance or comments

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2023 NECSS Board Meeting](#)

2. Approval of [Financial Transactions FY24 NECSS Budget Report dated February 29, 2024](#)

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Motion by C. Winkelman, second by S. Rowe
- Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 - aye; 211 – aye
- Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS

1. [FY24 NECSS Amended Joint Agreement Budget](#)

Motion to approve and sign the FY24 NECSS Amended Joint Agreement Budget as presented.

- Motion by S. Rowe, second by C. Winkelman
- Roll Call: 220 – aye; 512 - aye; 211 – aye; 214 – aye
- Motion carries

2. [Financial Update](#)

C. Steetz gave the update on the status of funding for all grants. N. Awdziejczyk gave an update on the status of the new funding formula from ISBE. Awaiting decision on the request for increased funding. Dr. Small followed up with questions on the status of grants: next year first of three years for five schools in the Education Pathway; next year third and final year for CCPE; this year final year of Stamp grant (local), currently looking at potential

of renewing for next year; and METT grant first year for funding of three year grant. NECSS will also seek the extra Education Pathway grant which the state just announced.

3. [FY24 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus](#)

N. Awdziejczyk highlighted progress on goals and areas of focus. Transitional English saw a 22% increase in success rates for students in the course. Portability Stamp in Math continues to increase as well, outpacing the students in the development course. Both English and Math groups continue to meet to review curriculum, outcomes and best practices. Follow up discussion occurred on Transitional Math and the regional data available. Regional Alignment has worked to identify a process to include opportunities for both formalized communication touch points and informal conversations through Power 15. The group has also looked to increase communication about Advisory participation opportunities, where future courses often are identified by industry partners. Student Transitions has planned an event for April 15, "Connecting Students to Pathways of Support" with nine service groups presenting to increase connections between the high schools and the college. Grant compliance increasing the non-trad participation. Nancy shared the "You Belong" communications campaign created for the high schools and the middle schools. Building community by bringing back in-person meetings. Reviewed the current goals to identify which will carry over into next year. Next year's goals to be vetted by Council and presented to the Board for approval at the August NECSS Board meeting.

4. Possible Future Agenda Items

Potential regional opportunities with the Quantum Tech Hub grant submitted by Harper, when available.
Council discussion - Regional opportunity for partnering with Boys and Girls Club.

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 S. Rowe, second by R. Williams
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board convened into Closed Session at 12:05 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

No Board action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

- Motion by S. Rowe, second by C. Winkelman
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Township High School District 214

2121 S. Goebbert Road

Arlington Heights, Illinois

Room: Board Room

D211 - Dr. Lisa Small, Superintendent; Joshua Schumacher, Assistant Superintendent

D214 - Dr. Scott Rowe, Superintendent; Dr. Laz Lopez, Associate Superintendent

D220 - Dr. Craig Winkelman, Superintendent; Dr. Melissa Byrne, Assistant Superintendent

D512 Harper - Dr. Avis Proctor, President; Dr. Ruth Williams, Provost; Dr. Michelé Smith, VP of Workforce Solution