

**NORTHWEST EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 9, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
Harper College, Room W101
1200 W. Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL 60067

PRESENT: District 211: Dr. Nancy Robb, Dr. Dan Cates, Terri Busch
District 214: Dr. Dave Schuler
District 220: Dr. Tom Leonard, Cynthia Jaskowiak
District 512: Dr. Ken Ender, Sheila Quirk-Bailey, Dr. Judy Marwick
NECSS: Cynthia Garcia, Gayle Banakis

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum

- Chairperson S. Quirk-Bailey called the NECSS Board meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- There was a roll call establishing a quorum. Representatives from D211, D214, D220, and D512 were present.

2. Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

3. Consent Agenda

- Motion by D. Schuler, seconded by, T. Leonard to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
 - a. Approval of Agenda for April 9, 2014 Board Meeting
 - b. Approval of Minutes of November 20, 2013 Board Meeting
 - c. Approval of Financial Transactions for November 2013-February 2014
- There was a roll call vote, and the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Information Items

- a. Executive Director Update-C. Garcia
- Please refer to the Director's Report included in Board packet for detailed updates on the following items:
 - ✓ FY15 Grant Budget and Plan
 - ✓ NECSS Cosmetology Program
 - ✓ Early College Credit Sub-Committee
 - ✓ Implementing an Individualized Learning Plan Process with POS
 - ✓ NIU Biology Master's Degree Cohort
 - ✓ D214 Sophomore Career Support for the Undecided
 - ✓ Geometry in Construction Workshop
 - ✓ ENG 100 Project
 - ✓ Conceptual Design for Early College-"Power of 15"
 - ✓ Industry Recognized Credentials
 - ✓ Conceptual Design for Early College-"6 in 5"

- ✓ NECSS Programs of Study Template
- ✓ NECSS Academic Programs of Study
- ✓ Legislative Issues and Information

5. **Strategic-Discussion and Sharing**

a. **MATH 080 Project-D. Schuler**

- D. Schuler stated passing rates for students taking the MTH 080 course have not improved; therefore, D214 will continue to offer the MTH 080 course but NOT the MTH 080 final exam in their schools. D214 students will take the final exam in Math using the COMPASS testing.
- D. Schuler, T. Leonard, and N. Robb voiced concerns about the different standards used by Harper for Harper students and high school students.
- K. Ender proposed that Harper faculty and all districts work together to develop revised unit tests and new final exam for the MTH 080 course.
- K. Ender stated that the problem with the MTH 080 final exam should have been brought to the Coordinating Council. He proposed the Council develop a solution to this issue.
- D. Cates inquired about the status of the ENG Alignment Project.
- T. Busch stated D211 is piloting the ENG project in its five schools this fall. The curriculum for this project will align with Harper's ENG 100 class. High school students who pass this course with an A, B, or C grade will be proficient and the prerequisite will be met for placement in the first credit bearing English course at Harper.

b. **Conceptual Design for Early College-Coordinating Council**

- The Council presented a Conceptual Design Program to increase College and Career Readiness.
- The pilot program would begin with Bridge Program students (Excel III, AVID, Adelante, REACH).
- Highlights of Presentation Included:
 1. Core Foundation Data
 2. Analysis of Bridge Programs
 3. Link between 15 credit hours earned while in high school and college completion rate-“Power of 15”.
 4. Possibility of students completing six years of college in five years-“6 in 5”.
 5. Resolve Policy and Fiscal Issues.

All Board members agreed the Coordinating Council move forward with this “Conceptual Design for Early College.” Any policy or fiscal issues can be presented to Board as they arise.

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

- Motion by D. Schuler, seconded by T. Leonard to move to the Closed Session.
 - 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.

- There was a roll call vote, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Closed Session commenced at 2:50 p.m.

7. Meeting Adjournment

- Motion by D. Schuler, seconded by, T. Leonard, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30: p.m.

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

Wednesday, June 4, 2014
Wheeling High School, Room 102
900 S. Elmhurst Road
Wheeling, IL 60090