

NORTHWEST EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS
NECSS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 11:30 a.m.
Township High School D211
1750 S. Roselle Road
Palatine, IL 60067

Dr. Kenya F. Ayers, NECSS Board Chair

PRESENT: District 211: Dr. Daniel Cates, Dr. Lisa Small
 District 214: Dan Weidner
 District 220: Dr. Brian Harris, John Bruesch
 District 512: Dr. Judy Marwick
 NECSS: Dr. Kenya Ayers, Nancy Awdziejczyk
 GUEST: Christopher Scalet, CPA, Evans, Marshall & Pease

NOTE: In the absence of D. Schuler and L. Lopez, voting NECSS Board members from Township High School D214, a Proxy Vote Form was signed by D. Schuler appointing Dan Weidner as proxy to vote on D. Schuler's behalf at today's NECSS Board meeting.

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

- NECSS Board Chair, K. Ayers, called the NECSS Board meeting to order at 11:35 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 B. Harris, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
 - a. Approval of Agenda for November 14, 2018 NECSS Board Meeting
 - b. Approval of Minutes of August 29, 2018 NECSS Public Budget Hearing Meeting
 - c. Approval of Minutes of August 29, 2018 NECSS Board Meeting
 - d. Approval of Financial Transactions from July 1, 2018 to October 31, 2018
- Motion passed

4. Informational Items

- a. NECSS Vice President Report-K. Ayers



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- Please refer to K. Ayers' report for detailed updates on
 - Special Populations
 - Strategic Plan
 - Jobs for the Future (JFF) Pathways to Prosperity Fall Conference

- Dual Credit Day
- Great Lakes College and Career Pathways Partnership (GLCCPP) / Joyce Foundation Grant
- Data Dashboard
- Aspen Institute Case Study
- College and Career Pathways Endorsements (CCPE) Grant
- Transitional Math Courses Grant Update
- Perkins V
- CTE
- NECSS Teams Update
- Finances
- Dual Credit Update

Discussion on Topics Included in K. Ayers Report

- Suburbanization of Poverty Impact Day
 - Held on November 9, 2018 at Harper College with attendees from all NECSS partner organizations, United Palatine Coalition, United Way of Metro Chicago, and other local non-profit organizations and businesses. The event consisted of a morning program with national and local speakers followed by an afternoon poverty simulation.
 - The event was featured in the Daily Herald - <https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20181109/conference-at-harper-shows-a-picture-of-increasing-poverty-in-the-suburbs>
 - Received positive feedback from 123 attendees; feedback will be shared on a splash page being developed by Harper Dean Michael Bates' office.
 - Next step will be Professional Development Committee and Council discussions around how we might engage with civic partners regarding awareness of poverty in our region.

- b. Financial Update-N. Awdziejczyk
 - To date, CTEI has not released any funds. Perkins funds are being released as expenses are submitted.
 - ISBE is accepting input for the State's interpretation of Perkins V. EFE Directors are putting together a document that has input from our various regions.
 - By 2021, both CTEI and Perkins grants will require a local Needs Assessment, and grants may fund only programs that are aligned to labor market data.

- c. Elementary/Middle School Update-N. Awdziejczyk
 - N. Awdziejczyk met with elementary/middle school districts regarding the use of CTEI allocated funds. The districts requested additional information on pathways.
 - Possibility of NECSS hosting two yearly meetings engaging the elementary/middle school districts in our region. Meetings would focus on grant discussions and providing professional development opportunities.
 - ISBE has proposed an "Innovation in Elementary Career Initiative" which allows regional activities beginning in the 5th grade.

d. GATA Update-N. Awdziejczyk

- EFE regions received a waiver for completing a GATA Audit, an annual financial report, because our high school districts submit an annual financial report to the State.

e. Harper Promise Program Update-J. Marwick



Promise Totals
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- Document shows the current status of Promise enrollment for the Class of 2019, 2020, and 2021. There is one Harper Promise student who graduated early and is currently attending Harper College.
- Senior-year students in the Harper Promise Program (1,394 students) were asked to complete a Promise Program Continuation Agreement specifying: (1) definitely enrolling at Harper; (2) still deciding; (3) undecided.
- J. Marwick emphasized that graduating high school students are required to be college ready to participate in the Promise Program at Harper College.
- Data on the progress of Promise Program students enrolled at Harper College will be provided to the high schools districts.

f. Upcoming Event Dates-Board Meetings

- March 20, 2019, Barrington 220
- June 5, 2019, Township High School D214

5. Strategic-Discussion and Sharing

a. FY18 NECSS Audit Report-Christopher Scalet

- The FY18 (ended June 30, 2018) NECSS audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control, there were no instances of noncompliance, and there were no findings.
- There was an increase in NECSS' net position as of June 30, 2018 compared to the preceding year due to the State of Illinois finally processing its payments.
- As NECSS relies on state and federal grants to fund its programs, it continues to monitor the Federal Perkins Budget Reauthorization, the State of Illinois' financial health, and the lag time in receiving Illinois State grant payments.
- The Board thanked C. Scalet for the audit report and the NECSS staff for the thorough bookkeeping documentation.

b. NECSS Strategic Plan, 2018-2023-K. Ayers



NEW FRONTIERS
5-Year Strategic Plan

- K. Ayers presented the proposed 5-Year Strategic Plan, a first for the organization, to the NECSS Board.
- The Plan reflects information from the NECSS Intergovernmental Agreement, including the Vision, Mission, and Purpose. Strategic Directions, Core Values, and SWOT (Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats) Analysis were also incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

- The 2018-2023 Plan includes multiple goals each aligned with: (1) Target Date; (2) Initiative; (3) Team Lead; (4) Measurement of Success; and (5) Resources Needed.
- Having a strategic plan in guiding the direction of the organization is critical; however, the Board voiced concern that the Plan may be too extensive. The Board advised having the option of latitude and flexibility on the target dates.
- K. Ayers stated the Strategic Plan provides a framework of NECSS goals with an opportunity for an annual review and adjustments as needed.

6. Action Items-K. Ayers – Roll Call

a. Acceptance of FY18 NECSS Audit

- It was moved by B. Harris, second by D. Cates, to accept the FY18 NECSS Audit Report
 - After roll call, motion approved

b. Approval of NECSS Strategic Plan, 2018-2023

- Motion by D. Cates, second by B. Harris, to approve the NECSS Strategic Plan, 2018-2023
 - After roll call, motion approved

c. Approval of new NECSS Career Advisors

- Motion by B. Harris, second by D. Weidner, to approve the new NECSS Career Advisors
 - 1) Kristen Fitzgerald, D211
 - 2) Marie Mirabella, Barrington D220
 - 3) Besa Sadiku, D211
 - 4) Rachael Valentine, D214
 - 5) Paula Waterman, D211
 - After roll call, motion approved

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.

- No Closed Session convened

8. Adjournment

- It was moved by D. Cates, second by B. Harris to adjourn
 - Motion approved
 - Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2019
 Barrington D220
 515 W. Main Street
 Barrington, IL 60010