

# Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

## Public Budget Hearing and Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 11:30 a.m.  
Township High School District 211  
1750 S. Roselle Road  
Palatine, IL 60067

**PRESENT:**     District 211:     Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher  
                  District 214:     Dr. David Schuler  
                  District 220:     Dr. Melissa Byrne  
                  District 512:     Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. MayAnn Janosik  
                  NECSS:             Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz  
                  GUEST:             Christopher Scalet, Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C.

**ABSENT:**        Dr. Robert Hunt, Dr. Lazaro Lopez, Dr. Michelé Smith

### **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum  
NECSS Board Chair, Dr. Proctor called the NECSS Public Budget Hearing and 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 August 25, 2021 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
  - Motion to approve the Minutes as presented.
  - Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
  - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 - aye;
  - Motion approved
2. [Approval of Financial Transactions/FY22 NECSS Budget Report dated October 31, 2021](#)
  - Motion to approve the Financial Transactions as presented.
  - Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
  - Roll Call: 214 – aye; 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 - aye;
  - Motion approved

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. FY21 NECSS Audit Report - Christopher Scalet - Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C.  
Christopher Scalet from Evans, Marshall & Pease, presented the NECSS Board with the FY21 NECSS Audit Report. Mr. Scalet reported a clean, unmodified opinion, and thanked N. Awdziejczyk and C. Steetz for their work during a difficult year. Dr. Schuler asked if there were any recommendations moving forward. Mr. Scalet replied no recommendations at this time.
  - Motion to approve the FY21 NECSS Audit Report as presented.
  - Motion by L. Small, second by M. Byrne
  - Roll Call: 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 - aye; 214 – aye;

- Motion approved
2. [FY22 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus](#)

N. Awdziejczyk highlighted the three main areas where the Goals and Areas of Focus fall, including Equity for All, Regional Alignment, and Student Transitions.

    - a. [Opportunity for Additional Regional Impact](#)

N. Awdziejczyk shared the work behind the development of a regional class for professional development, with possible opportunity for micro credentialing. The regional approach would involve a financial commitment from each organization. More information on how this work would meet the needs for professional development and be recognized by ISBE for licensure. This work will continue to live in the Equity for All task force, as the details for expectations, hours, possibility of earning a stipend for additional work, and approval process for this program are developed.
  3. [Financial Update](#)
  4. [NECSS Time and Effort Certifications](#)
  5. [Harper Promise](#)

Dr. Proctor shared the annual analysis of the Harper Promise program, which based on last year, projects sustainability for the program of at least 12 years out. Harper Promise graduated its first class last year and still have strong interest in the scholarship. Dr. Janoik shared the update on the streamlining of the Harper Promise Appeals process, with escalating appeals to Dr. Janosik and Dr. Smith when the appeals committee can't agree. The number of appeals increased significantly, going from 40 to 185 due to COVID impact on attendance and mental health. For some, the ability to attain necessary Community Service hours was impacted by required testing and/or vaccination requirements. In the future, with new legislation for student Mental Health Days, these will not count against attendance requirements.
  6. [Harper Retention Data](#)

Dr. Proctor presented the annual Harper's Retention Data report, and Dr. Janosik noted Course Success Rate stayed consistent. Board members questioned the Credentials Earned. Since credential attainment takes time to earn, the numbers for more recent graduating classes are smaller than classes who have had more time after graduation to earn the credentials.
  7. [Dual Credit Fee Structure](#)

N. Awdziejczyk presented Council's recommendation for the Dual Credit Fee Structure for school year 2022-2023 to the NECSS Board, to remain the same. The proposed fee structure kept the a flat rate the same for Type A courses and the percentage the same for TYPE B, C, and D courses.

    - Motion to approve the proposed Dual Credit Fee Structure for students served for school year 2022-2023 as presented.
    - Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
    - Roll Call: 512 – aye; 211 - aye; 214 – aye; 220 – aye;
    - Motion approved
  8. Partnership Opportunities
    - a. FMA Collaboration

Dr. Proctor shared Harper's goal on building pathways which lead to certificates and degrees. Dr. Janosik, working with Dean Ivory, shared a very raw proposal from FMA with Council, which partners Harper, the dual credit partners and FMA. Dr. Janosik indicated Dean Ivory will solicit feedback and bring more information to share with Council in the future.

9. Possible Future Agenda Items

- No additional items requested.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn.

- Motion by D. Schuler, second by L. Small
- Motion approved by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Harper College

Rm. W218

1200 W Algonquin Rd.

Palatine, IL 60067