

Northwest Educational Council for Student Success

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 11:30 a.m.

Township High School District 211

D211 Boardroom

1750 S. Roselle Road

Palatine, IL 60067

<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>District 211:</u>	Dr. Lisa Small, Joshua Schumacher
	<u>District 214:</u>	Dr. Scott Rowe
	<u>District 220:</u>	Dr. Craig Winkelman, Dr. Melissa Byrne
	<u>District 512:</u>	Dr. Avis Proctor, Dr. Ruth Williams, Dr. Michelé Smith
	<u>NECSS:</u>	Nancy Awdziejczyk, Cara Steetz
	<u>GUESTS:</u>	Dr. Sean Warren-Crouch; Jeffery Rollefson, CPA

CALL TO ORDER

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 Comments

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of [Minutes of August 23, 2023 NECSS Board Meeting](#)
2. Approval of [Financial Transactions FY24 NECSS Budget Report dated October 31, 2023](#)

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. FY23 NECSS Audit Report - Jeffery Rollefson, C.P.A - Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C.
Jeffery Rollefson from Evans, Marshall & Pease presented the NECSS Board with the FY23 NECSS Audit Report. Mr. Rollefson shared the audit was efficient, with no new systems, and reported a clean, unmodified opinion.
Motion to approve the FY23 NECSS Audit Report as presented.
 - Motion by S. Rowe, second by A. Proctor
 - Roll Call: 220 – aye; 512 – aye; 211 - aye; 214 – aye;
 - Motion carries
2. Harper Promise Dashboard and Promise Scholarship Presentation
Dr. Sean Warren-Crouch presented an overview of the Harper Promise dashboard and status on Promise criteria, enrollment and reason for dismissal.
3. Financial Update
C. Steetz gave the update on the status of funding for all grants.
4. FY24 NECSS Goals and Areas of Focus
N. Awdziejczyk highlighted progress on goals and areas of focus. Equity for All working through the Power of 15 has identified areas for improvement in shared practices for course placement. Harper is working on a dashboard for baseline data. In alignment with the Equity Journey Continuum, working in collaboration with the Data Committee, a new grouping for review was created for post-secondary attainment. Equity will use this to evaluate the groups to

identify any gaps. A new resource to share with new NECSS members is being created, and follow up continues. An initial crosswalk has been created to support Regional Alignment while working with Harper to increase advisory committee participation. Student Transitions focus on collective efforts and sharing resources at an event to bring the region together. College and Career Pathway Endorsements, Jenny Kloss created a non-traditional campaign shared with the high schools and middle schools called, “You Belong”, with the help from high school district representatives.

5. NECSS Time and Effort Certifications
Presented.

6. Dual Credit Report
Dr. Ruth Williams presented the annual Dual Credit Report.

7. Dual Credit Fee Structure
Motion to approve the proposed Dual Credit Fee Structure for students served for school year 2024-2025 as presented.

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

8. Harper Retention Data
Dr. Ruth Williams presented the annual Harper enrollment data.

9. CTEI Funding Formula
N. Awdziejczyk shared the proposed state CTEI funding formula. The proposal includes a breakdown of how the funds are allocated for secondary students and a leadership adjustment for the system director allocation. ISBE budget and finance meeting asked for additional funding, which if approved under an “equitable” formula, 51/53 of the EFE regions would see the same or increased funding, with 2/53 seeing up to 5% reduction.

10. Draft College and Career Pathway Endorsement Rules
N. Awdziejczyk commented the plans are resubmitted for approval every year, and suggested unless there are changes to the plan, a three year review should be considered.

11. Possible Future Agenda Items
None.

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 A. Proctor
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- The NECSS Board convened into Closed Session at 12:33 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum
Motion by C. Winkelman, second by A. Proctor
Motion carries by voice vote.
The NECSS Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

- Motion by A. Proctor, second by C. Winkelman
- Motion carries by voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Harper College
Rm. W-102
1200 W Algonquin Rd.
Palatine, IL 60067

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