



# NESCS Joint Governing/Administrative Board Meeting

Monday, October 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting – Via MS TEAMS Online

Administrative/Governing Board Members present included Jay Slade, Dakota Prairie; Matt Bakke, Devils Lake; Steve Halldorson, Devils Lake; Frank Schill, Edmore; D'aulan Bussman, Fessenden/Bowden; Jeff Olson, Four Winds; Gil Black, Kensal; Dan Driessen, LRSC; Rhandi Knudson, LRSE; Kevin Baumgarn, Lakota; Daren Christianson, Langdon Area; Robert Bubach, Munich; Jean Callahan, Minnewaukan; Dave Ambers, Minnewaukan; Brad Nash, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Dr. Connie Hovendick, NDSD; Jordan Brown, Oberon; Robert Toso, Pingree/Buchanan; Wade Sherwin, Rolette; Jackie Thompson, Tate Topa; and Mary Langley, Warwick.

Those not present: Todd Jorde, Dakota Prairie; Mark Huso, Lakota; Robert Thom, Leeds & Maddock; Janelle Carnahan, Mount Pleasant-Rolla; Jill Louters, New Rockford/Sheyenne; Jeff Hagler, North Star; John Peters, North Star; Carrie Hope, St. Alphonsus; Michelle Clouse, St. Joseph; Chris Berg, Starkweather; Larry Volk, Starkweather; Angela Brandt, Warwick.

Others present: Jennifer Carlson, NESCS Executive Director; and Erin Lacina, NESCS Operations/PD Director.

## Welcome & Call to Order

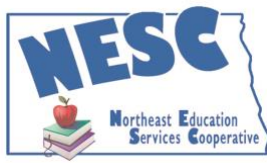
The meeting was called to order by Steve Halldorson, Governing Board President, at 10:00 a.m.

## Review of Agenda

Additions to the agenda: ND Public Health Insurance Trust (NDPHIT); NESCS New Administrators' Meetings

## Approval of Joint Board Minutes (6/4/2020)

A motion was made by Kevin Baumgarn and seconded by David Ambers to approve the June 4, 2020 NESCS Joint Board Minutes. Motion carried.



## Financial Report

Jennifer Carlson reviewed the current NESCS and NYCP financial reports on pages 7-9. Daren Christianson motioned to approve the financial report; Kevin Baumgarn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## NESCS Operations

### Grants

#### 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant

Jennifer Carlson reported that the board had approved the retirement of NESCS 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Project Director, Julie Schuler, effective December 31, 2020. Jennifer Carlson and Erin Lacina will be taking over the duties of that position with administration going to Carlson and programming duties to Lacina. There will be a quarterly meeting for site coordinators and principals this coming Wednesday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m., and virtual site visits are being scheduled for October and November. The NESCS [ConnectEd](#) program for 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC sites is up-and-running. We've had two weeks of programming happening Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

#### NYCP Grant Update

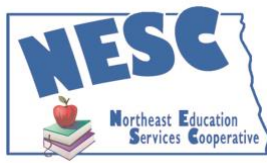
Erin Lacina reviewed the year three overview of the projects within the NESCS NYCP Grant on page 10 of the board packet. We have just started the final year of the grant (year 4) which runs from October 1 – September 30. We will be doing a budget revision with the grant to make changes for funding assigned to travel expenses that will be reassigned to other priorities.

#### BCBSND Caring for Kids Grant

The NESCS was awarded a \$11,700 grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND to provide professional learning for pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers on the importance of safe and healthy play. The press release on the grant award is on page 11 of the board packet.

#### ESPB TSS Beginning Teacher Network Grant Update

The NESCS was awarded \$5,000 from the ND Education Standards and Practices Board for the Teacher Support System Beginning Teacher Grant. We will be hosting virtual coaching and mentoring sessions with new teachers in the region. Information will be sent to schools in the next few weeks to register.



## UND STEM Grant

UND (in partnership with the NESC) was awarded a National Science Foundation grant. The project will provide professional learning and instructional supports for NESC member schools, beginning with Devils Lake Central Middle School, Mt. Pleasant-Rolla and Rolette and possibly expanding to others over the course of the grant period. This grant will provide nearly \$90,000 in support for NESC salaries over the next three years.

## NDREA SRCL Sub-Grant

The NESC was asked by the ND DPI to manage this statewide grant to provide sustainability supports for Striving Reader awardees, as well as statewide literacy supports. The total amount of the funding is \$84,219 and the NESC will be able to keep 5% for administrative costs (\$4,210).

## Professional Learning

### August 2020 Regional Fall In-service & Follow-Up Sessions with Angela Maiers

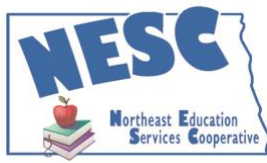
A follow-up communication from the fall in-service is included on pages 14-16 of the board packet. This also lists the next sessions we'll be hosting with Maiers, including one coming up on Tuesday, October 13 at 4:00 p.m., as well as November 12 and January 14. Participants can use their attendance for the NESC Cafeteria Credit through Valley City State University. There is also an opportunity for educators to participate in a November 5 workshop with Maiers which focuses on educators who lead PD. We've included this session with statewide PD leaders, as well. Information is on page 17.

### Recess (Playworks) Series

Through the BCBSND Caring For Kids grant, we have planned multiple sessions to support educators involved with recess planning and supervision. Five workshops are available with multiple dates and times for participants to choose from. Registration information can be found at <http://www.nesc.k12.nd.us/regional-professional-learning-workshops/>.

### Steve Dunn Literacy Workshops

Multiple literacy workshops are available for teachers of grades K-12. View all options, dates and registration links at <http://www.nesc.k12.nd.us/regional-professional-learning-workshops/>.



## NDMTSS

Developing Pathways for Academics will be launching in early December. We're awaiting the schedule for Behavior Pathways/Year 2 workshops and updates regarding SWIS trainings.

## Phil Warrick (Marzano Resources) Webinar Series

This leadership series is going to focus on teacher evaluation supports and leadership topics. Initial dates are October 29 and November 30 with more to follow throughout semester two. Live attendance is encouraged, as recordings of sessions will be available for only two weeks after each event.

## NESC On-Site/Virtual Support

The NESC is available to schools for virtual professional learning support. Contact Erin Lacina regarding needs.

## Change in registration software: "[Growth Zone](#)"

The NESC has signed on with most of the other REAs in the state to start utilizing "Growth Zone" (GZ), an online registration and event management system. Events from July to present will be loaded into GZ and future events will use this system for registration. Each NESC school will have accounts for all of their staff members.

## NESC Virtual Learning Lab

Pages 23-25 is the information provided to the NESC Board to approve the new NESC Virtual Learning Lab. The board held an online vote and approved the new lab to establish a video production studio and expansion of rental space for the NESC offices. This new lab will ensure the continuation of student and professional learning services from the NESC for this year and many to come. It also provides an opportunity to expand fee services for schools outside of the NESC membership. A listing on pages 24-25 provides details on equipment needed to get the lab setup.

## Student Activities

### [NESCS ConnectEd](#)

The website (<https://sites.google.com/nescnd.org/nescconnected/home>) was developed to host services provided by the NESC to afterschool sites across North Dakota. Pages 26-28 of the packet outline the new program.

ND Afterschool Network contract/contribution: The NESC was able to secure \$14,000 in funding to support the time of our Student Services Specialist's work with ConnectEd as it rolls out to a statewide audience. A copy of the agreement is on page 29.



ND Council on the Arts interest: The NESC was approached by the ND Council on the Arts to provide statewide Art programming through ConnectEd in support of their entity's goals. This falls within the goals and objectives of the NESC 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC Grant.

## College and Career-Readiness Supports

### Golden Path Solutions

Golden Path is a company out of Fargo working with Forward DL and the NESC to provide a platform to connect students and employers. Information is included on page 30 of the board packet. This is a great opportunity to provide higher education funding for students interested in hard-to-fill jobs in our region.

### Virtual Job Shadow

VJS is again available for all NESC students and educators in grades 7-12. Information on VJS is on page 31 of the packet. Contact Erin Lacina for more information.

### Keynote speaker videos

We will be releasing videos of our Career College Keynote Speaker for schools to utilize soon.

## District Data Sharing Agreement

We will be sending out new Data Sharing Agreements to schools to renew through 2023. Schools will also need to authorize NESC staff for SLDS and ND STARS access. Information is included on pages 32-36.

## Other

### ND Public Health Insurance Trust (NDPHIT)

NESC schools will be receiving information on this new insurance program available for participation. Jon Heath from the Hays Companies will be contacting NESC administrators directly with information in the next few weeks.

## Next NESC Board Meeting

The November meeting date falls on November 11 – Veteran's Day. The board determined to meet on Monday, November 16 at 10:00 a.m. A meeting invite will be sent out for this virtual meeting.

## Adjourn



Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.