

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
4:30, May 1, 2019  
Fairhope Public Library

Members Present: Elizabeth Hammock, Robin Coleman, Carrie McLemore, Tanya Bosarge, Colby Cooper, Hank Burch, Hill Robinson, Ken Cole, Robert Brown

Guests Present: Terry Burkle, Amy Foley, Stephen Searcy, Gary Gover, Julie Pierce, Carol Broughton

1. Minutes of the April 3 meeting were approved as submitted.
2. Robert and Ken provided a progress report on the Special Tax District, highlighted by the proposal's unanimous approval by the Baldwin County Board of Education. The next governmental approval necessary is the Baldwin County Commission and that should be completed within the next couple of weeks. Once that hurdle is cleared, we can move forward with our messaging campaign.
3. Terry Burkle, Director of the Baldwin County Education Coalition, joined us to summarize the work she's done for Spanish Fort in support of their 3 mill special tax district proposal. She believes we're at the point where we can begin the Engagement Process and provided us with a template for facilitating public meetings designed to increase awareness for the special tax district's role in Fairhope's public schools. She generously offered her assistance to help guide us through the process and suggested that a Political Action Committee (PAC) be created that could oversee fund raising and advertising leading up to the September referendum.
4. A one page Frequently Asked Questions sheet will be helpful during the Engagement Process, and a draft will be made available at the next EAC meeting.
5. There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45.
6. The next regularly scheduled meeting is June 5, same time and place.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Cole  
Chairman