

Fairhope Public Schools Commission
August 5, 2020

Members present: Tanya Bosarge, Ken Cole, Danielle Mashburn-Myrick, Hill Robinson, Miranda Schrubbe

Members absent: Robert Brown, Robin Coleman, Carrie McLemore, Cornelius Woods

Principals present: Jon Cardwell, Angie Hall, Lynn Smith

Ken Cole called the meeting to order at 4:40. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the June 3rd meeting of the commission. (There was no meeting of the commission in July.)

Ken Cole reviewed the current balances of the estimated 2020 3-mill revenue and the city funds. After accounting for expenditures approved to date, \$158,263.52 remains in estimated tax proceeds and \$150,000 in city funds.

Following the Akribos study recommendations, the primary focus for the 3 mill funding is on instruction and instructional support, and those two categories account for 85.40% of total distributions approved to date. The allocation breakdown for the \$1,871,362 in 3 mill approvals so far is:

Instruction	62.40%
Instructional Support	23.00%
Professional Development	06.30%
Learning Materials	07.00%
Counseling	01.30%

Funding requests from J. Larry Newton and Fairhope Middle were presented and discussed. Each was approved, to be allocated from the city funds.

J. Larry Newton

- P/T STEAM Lab Assistant 14,000
 - STEAM Materials 20,050
 - Phonics First 11,950
 - P/T Enrichment Teacher 14,000
- Total 60,000

Fairhope Middle

- 2 F/T Instructional Aides @ 30,000 each
- Total 60,000

Discussion continued from previous meeting regarding the establishment of a reserve account. Two approaches are being considered:

- (A) Withholding of 5% from 3 mill tax proceeds annually, plus \$100,000 from the four remaining annual payments from the City of Fairhope
- (B) Designating 100% of the four remaining annual payments of \$300,000 from the City of Fairhope to reserve account (total by fifth year would be \$1.2 million)

After considering these options as well as a combination of the two, there was also discussion of the uses for monies from the reserve account, such as the funding of teacher positions when economic downturn leads to budget cuts. A decision will be made in the future when more commission members are present to discuss.

Ken Cole announced that Carrie McLemore will chair the nominating committee, which will work to fill 3 positions on the commission for 2021.

The next meeting of the FPSC will be on September 2nd at 4:30, location to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted by Miranda Schrubbe