

Fairhope Public Schools Commission  
April 21, 2021

Members present: Robert Brown, Robin Coleman, Amy Foley, Paul Hannon, Danielle Mashburn-Myrick, Carrie McLemore, Miranda Schrubbe

Members absent: Hill Robinson, Cornelius Woods

Principals present: Jon Cardwell, FHS; Julie Pierce, FWE; Caroline Hollowell, FEW; Carol Broughton, FEE

Carrie McLemore called meeting to order, and minutes from the March 3rd meeting were approved. (Note that a regular meeting scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> had been postponed to this date.)

Principals gave general updates and discussed changes in teacher unit allocations due to the high enrollment in the Virtual School, which could impact how they will be budgeting for staffing in the 2021-2022 school year. Also, changes to the eligibility criteria for Title I funding and how that funding can be used will impact budgeting for Title I schools, but schools losing that eligibility because of the changes may receive some enhanced funding from federal relief money being allocated to the county.

Carrie McLemore distributed an abstract provided by John Wilson, Baldwin County Public Schools CFO, showing projections for the 3-mill collections for the coming year (see attached). After subtracting a 4% contingency for anticipated appeals of valuations, primarily due to hurricane damage, a total of **\$2.3 million is projected for the ad valorem proceeds**. Additionally, the estimated carry over from 2020-2021 – funding that was budgeted for but not spent – is estimated to be approximately \$201,000, and the estimated probate collections for the period from January through December 2021 is approximately \$173,000.

Commission members and principals in attendance discussed amending the formula for funding a reserve account, giving particular consideration to changing the plan to reserve the remaining payments for the K-1 property purchase. Because of the broader parameters for allocating that money, it was decided not to put those funds in reserve, but to leave them available for items outside the educational purpose of the 3-mill funding. A motion was made and approved to change the formula for funding the reserve account whereby **any ad valorem collections over \$2M and all probate collections be allocated for such reserve** for 3 years, beginning with the 2021-2022 cycle. Based on current estimates for 2022, the total that could be kept in reserve in the next cycle would be approximately \$477,898. This plan would be reassessed in 3 years, but could be modified as needed at any time. With this formula in place, it is understood that **requests for funds in the upcoming cycle are to be based on a total budget of \$2M from ad valorem monies and \$300,000 from K-1 purchase payment (\$400,000 and \$60,000 per school, respectively).**

Plans for reporting to the city on the funding disbursed for the 2020-2021 school year were discussed. Robert Brown volunteered to make a report to the city council, and Carrie McLemore will schedule a date for the report to be presented at a council meeting some time in July or August.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05. The next meeting of the commission will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at the Nix Center.

Respectfully submitted by  
Miranda Schrubbe

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 Abstract of Assessments, Exemptions and Ad Valorem Taxes  
 Real and Personal Property  
 County BALDWIN  
 Original Tax Year 2021

PART IV: SCHOOL SUMMARY

	SCHOOL DISTRICT I CA778 Rate 1.0000 Line 27 Year 2021 Assessed Value	GULFSHOORES SCHOOLS Rate 3.0000 Line 32 Year 2021 Assessed Value	FAIRHOPE SCHOOLS Rate 3.0000 Line 33 Year 2021 Assessed Value
ASSESSMENTS			
Class I Public Utilities	4,063,160	7,759,760	36,079,860
Class II Property			
Airline & Railroad			
Real Property	1,558,620	733,944,560	410,556,940
Personal Property	1,100,500	21,247,040	20,345,520
Total Class II	1,659,120	755,191,600	430,902,460
Class III Property			
Current Use Property	2,515,820	306,440	1,842,020
Real Property III	1,877,200	201,208,040	498,550,180
Total Class III	4,393,020	201,514,480	500,392,200
Total Assessments	10,115,300	964,465,840	967,374,520
Penalties	10,116,760	964,708,900	967,613,340
Total Asmt and Penalty			
EXEMPTIONS			
Homestead Exemptions			
Homestead No. 1		180,000	530,000
Homestead No. 2	5,000	13,673,620	40,775,560
Homestead No. 3	360,400		1,222,326.68
Homestead No. 4	365,400	13,853,620	41,305,560
Total Homestead Exemption			
Other Exemptions			
Apartment			
Industrial			
Other			
Total Other Exemptions			
Total Exemptions			
Net Assessment and Taxes	9,413,360	829,003,800	833,426,200
Less Costs of Asmt/Coli.			
Net Ad Valorem Taxes Due	9,413.36	2,387,530.94	2,400,267.46