

Fairhope Public Schools Commission
September 2, 2020

Members present: Tanya Bosarge, Robert Brown, Ken Cole, Danielle Mashburn-Myrick, Carrie McLemore, Hill Robinson, Miranda Schrubbe, Cornelius Woods
Members absent: Robin Coleman

Principals and school personnel present: Julie Pierce, Carol Broughton, Christina Stacey, Spencer Segrest, Lynn Smith, Caroline Hollowell, Felicia Gardner

Ken Cole called the meeting to order at 4:30. A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of the August 5th meeting of the commission.

Ken Cole shared requests for modifications to previously approved funding requests. Because these are only reallocations, no vote was required. School administrators were available to answer questions. Fairhope West Elementary Principal Julie Pierce asked for the following changes:

- Reduction of Literacy Instructional Materials allocation by \$13,500* (from \$69,000 to \$55,500) because of a large donation made to the literacy program from the Rotary Club
 - Reduction of professional development allocation by \$2,765* (from \$50,000 to \$47,235) due to the cancellation of two professional development events because of the pandemic
 - Removal of \$1,000* in Counseling line item for calm down kits, and the addition of \$1,700* for an online guidance program
 - Addition of \$15,500* for a part-time math tutor needed for an unexpected number of students in grades 4-6 needing tutoring
- *The total net amount of change is a \$65 reduction from the total approved on May 13th and June 3rd.*

Fairhope East Elementary Principal Carol Broughton asked for the following changes:

- Replacement of a certified part-time intervention teacher with a part-time instructor who is not certified, due to the loss of certified teacher to virtual school (Non-certified instructor is to be paid \$20/hour for up to 19 hours a week, which will total less than the \$14,080 previously allocated)
- Added detail to professional development line item to include \$1,170 for the 3 administrators of FEE to join Council For Leaders in Alabama Schools, a primary source of professional development (no change to total amount allocated)

A review of options for formulas by which a reserve account can be funded took place. A combination of the approaches previously considered was discussed. A motion was made by Hill Robinson to designate 5% from 3 mill tax proceeds annually, plus the entirety of the 4 remaining annual payments from the City of Fairhope. Motion was seconded and approved. Beginning in 2021, this is to be a target, with the understanding that commission members have the flexibility to operate outside these parameters as needed.

Carrie McLemore, as chair of the nominating committee, reported that Miranda Schrubbe will serve on the committee and Robin Coleman has been asked to serve but has not confirmed. New members of the commission should be named in time to be approved at a December meeting of the city council and take office in the new year.

The next meeting of the FPSC will be on October 7th at 4:30, location to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted by Miranda Schrubbe