

Fairhope Public Schools Commission
April 13, 2022
J. Larry Newton School

Members present: Amy Foley, Paul Hannon, Joe Kelley, Danielle Mashburn-Myrick, Carrie McLemore, Hill Robinson, Miranda Schrubbe, Cornelius Woods

Members absent: Robin Coleman (unexcused)

Principals present: Julie Pierce - Fairhope West Elementary; Carol Broughton - Fairhope East Elementary; Patrice Wolfe and Lynn Smith – J. Larry Newton Elementary; Tonya Harrelson and Shawn O'Connor – Fairhope Middle School

Guests: Laura Ruth Hunter, Amanda Lilley, Sarah Saltee – JLN Instructional Coaches

Amy Foley called the meeting to order and minutes from the February meeting were approved. (The commission did not meet in March.)

Patrice Wolfe welcomed everyone to J. Larry Newton Elementary and introduced her team of instructional coaches whose positions are funded with 3-mill revenue. Laura Ruth Hunter, Amanda Lilley, Sarah Saltee each talked about their roles and the successes being achieved with the instructional coaching, professional development and intervention they are providing to teachers and students.

Anticipating funding requests in the next two months for the '22-'23 school year, Amy Foley shared what is available to each school in unspent budgeted funds being carried over from previous years:

FHS: \$51,489

FMS: \$127,389

FEE: \$40,383

FWE: \$24,686

JLN: \$73,329

Patrice Wolfe shared recent information from John Wilson to assist each school in preparing funding requests for the new school year:

- It is suggested that a 10%-15% cushion be included for personnel items in order to be in line with raises recently implemented by the state.
- Consideration should be given to moving lower pay personnel to 3-mill funded spots where higher pay personnel are now, in order to maximize funds. John Wilson will provide instructions to principals for doing this.

There was discussion regarding the K-1 proceeds and whether requests for those funds need to be reviewed by John Wilson before being approved by the commission. Amy will ask for clarification and report back. (Note from early 2020 meeting: Items that would incur extra liability, require special service contracts for maintenance, or where there is any question about additional costs/responsibility for the school system will need a closer look, but can usually be approved.)

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4th at 4:30 at Fairhope Middle School.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted by
Miranda Schrubbe