

Fairhope Public Schools Commission
January 8, 2020

Members present: Tanya Bosarge, Robert Brown, Ken Cole, Robin Coleman, Danielle Mashburn-Myrick, Carrie McLemore, Hill Robinson, Miranda Schrubbe, Cornelius Woods. Principals present: Carol Broughton, Jon Cardwell, Julie Pierce, Lynn Smith representing Patrice Wolfe.
Guests: Jon Gray, James Watkins

Ken Cole opened the first meeting of the newly appointed Fairhope Public Schools Commission by welcoming all who were present and having everyone introduce themselves.

Nominations from the floor were opened for the purpose of filling the positions of Chairperson, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Ken Cole was elected as Chairperson, Carrie McLemore was elected as Vice Chair, and Miranda Schrubbe was elected as Secretary.

Each member had received a copy of the bylaws prior to the meeting. The bylaws were reviewed and approved by a vote of the members.

Ken Cole reviewed the function of the Fairhope Public Schools Commission (FPSC), stating that as the Education Advisory Committee (EAC) did previously, the FPSC will consider requests for funding from the principals and make recommendations to the Baldwin County Schools Superintendent for final approval. Beginning in the fall of this year, an estimated \$2 million will be generated by the special 3-mill tax approved in September 2019; an additional \$300,000 will be allocated for the Fairhope feeder pattern schools by the Baldwin County Board of Education each year for 5 years from the proceeds of the sale of the K-1 property. It is not the role of the FPSC to suggest or create policy for the schools, only to approve and recommend expenditures. Hill Robinson recalled that the effort to establish the special tax district grew out of the recommendations of the Akribos study, commissioned by the City of Fairhope in 2016.

The next meeting of the FPSC will be on February 5th at 4:30. John Wilson, Chief Financial Officer of Baldwin County Public Schools will be present to give a comprehensive overview of the special tax funding, including timeframe for collection and distribution.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted by Miranda Schrubbe