

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC)**  
Administration Building, Fountain Lake Schools, Park Avenue  
**Friday, September 7, 2018, 8:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Committee Members Present**

Pamela Avila  
Michael Dollar  
Greg Jones  
Keith Keck  
David Whitlow  
Jerry Yeric

**Committee Members Absent**

Jim Harlow  
Bob Hebert  
Richard Johnson  
Lu Otto  
Curt Malone

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

Bob Shoemaker

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

**POA Liaisons**

Tom Weiss, Board Chair

**Other POA Board Members**

Bob Cunningham

**Justices of the Peace**

Larry Griffin, Garland County  
Jim Zahnd, Saline County

**School District Liaisons**

Dr. Michael Murphy, Fountain Lake  
Melissa Speers, Jessieville

**Press**

Lewis Delavan, Village Voice

**Others Present**

Jan Everswann, HSV Property Owner  
Linda Ragsdale, JP Candidate  
Donna Toney, HSV Property Owner  
Randy Toney, HSV Property Owner  
AC Watts, HSV Property Owner  
Peg Watts, HSV Property Owner

Plus:

Six FLSD Administrators listed in  
Special Presentation below

**OPENING OF MEETING**

**Call to Order:** Chair Michael Dollar called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

**Introductions:** New members and guests were introduced.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved as submitted.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 7, 2018 meeting were approved.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

A community health summit will be held at the Benton Health Center on Wednesday, September 18, 2018, at 7:30 AM.

At the next GAC meeting Judge Arey and Lamont Cornwell will discuss the upcoming vote on a new Career Center in Benton.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Superintendent Dr. Michael Murphy gave a presentation on Fountain Lake School District goals and activities for the 2018-19 academic year.

Dr. Murphy asked all GAC members to introduce themselves to his staff. He then introduced six key administrators, asking each to discuss their roles and responsibilities at the district.

- Katie Curry, Elementary Principal
- Steve Freeman, Assistant Principal
- Frank Janaskie, Middle School Principal
- Todd Baxley, High School Principal
- Stephen Campbell, Director of Instructional Services, and
- Hayden Fusilier, Director of Support Services

Dr. Murphy outlined four main goals that the district was working toward during the current year:

1. To improve student achievement by striving for every student to read and write at grade level.
2. Provide a learning environment that will create and maintain safety and security for all and provide for future growth and expansion.
3. Develop a systematic, district-wide communication method that improves the consistency and transparency of information shared among students, staff, parents and community
4. Provide fiscal, physical and human resources essential to an exemplary learning environment.

Dr. Murphy ended his presentation with a list of current facts about the school district:

- Current enrollment is 1385.
- The district continues to have budget issues.
- Twenty acres of adjacent property has been purchased for expansion.
- Issues with the State of Arkansas concerning board elections have been resolved.

- Positive changes have been made to the food service. Each day the district serves 800-850 meals.
- The district is working to become a 4A campus within 3 and a half years.
- Over 350 Fountain Lake students live in Hot Springs Village.

## **POA REPORTS**

### **Governance Report – Tom Weiss**

- The 2019 budget discussions will be begin at the next board meeting.
- Many educational meetings are being planned in the upcoming weeks concerning changes to the Declarations. These proposed changes are the most comprehensive in the history of the Village.

### **Operational Report – Lesley Nalley**

CEO Nalley was out of state at the National Town Builders Association Roundtable in Ashville, NC. She submitted the following items of information by email.

- Budget meetings have been set. The consolidated budget review will happen during the September 19th Board meeting. Then department-level reviews will take place on September 14th and October 1st.
- Hot Springs Village’s CMP will receive an award in September from the Arkansas Chapter of the American Planning Association’s annual award ceremony.

## **J.P. COMMENTS**

### **JP Report Garland County – Larry Griffin**

- The Garland County Fair begins next week at the Fairgrounds.
- The Garland County 911 call center is becoming operational. A formal open house is being planned.

### **JP Report Saline County – Jim Zahnd**

A public involvement meeting is to be held in discuss the revised design plans for Highway 5. The meeting will take place at Gravel Hill Baptist Church on Thursday, September 13th between 4:00-7:00 PM.

## **GAC SUB-COMMITTE REPORTS**

**There were no questions on the written reports submitted by GAC members and circulated with the Committee Agenda.**

### **Candidate Forum – Jerry Yeric**

Plans have been finalized for the HSV forum to be held on September 11 th at 2:00 PM at the Coronado Center.

### **Broadband – Gregg Jones**

Jones commented that he continues to work on broadband issues and continues to talk to carriers. Chairman Dollar thanked Jones and his committee for their efforts on behalf of the HSV residents.

## **REMINDERS AND CALENDAR**

The next POA Board Meeting is Wednesday, September 19th, 9:00 AM, Ouachita Events Building, Ponce de Leon Center.

The next GAC meeting will be Friday, October 5th, 2018, at 8:00 AM, Ouachita Events Building, Ponce de Leon Center.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.