

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC)**  
Jessieville School District  
**Friday, August 3, 2018, 8:00 AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Committee Members Present**

Pamela Avila  
Michael Dollar  
Jim Harlow  
Richard Johnson  
Greg Jones  
Curt Malone  
David Whitlow

**Committee Members Absent**

Bob Hebert  
Keith Keck  
Lu Otto  
Jerry Yeric

**Ex-Officio Members Present**

Bob Shoemaker

**Ex-Officio Members Absent**

**POA Liaisons**

Lesley Nalley, CEO

**Other POA Board Members**

Mike Medica  
Bob Cunningham

**Justices of the Peace**

Larry Griffin, Garland County  
Larry Raney, Garland County

**School District Liaisons**

Dr. Michael Murphy, Fountain Lake  
Melissa Speers, Jessieville

**Press**

Lewis Delavan, Village Voice

**Others Present**

Nancy Luehring, HSV POA Board  
Kim Harrison, HSV Community Foundation  
Linda Ragsdale, JP Candidate  
Jed Johnson, Jessieville Elementary Principal  
Toby Packard, Jessieville HS Principal

**OPENING OF MEETING**

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

**Introductions:** Guests were introduced.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Melissa Speers was introduced as guest speaker and as the new interim Superintendent of Jessiveille School District. She is a long-time resident of the Jessiveille Community and employee of the school district. She has served in many responsible positions, both teaching and administration.

Speers started her presentation with the new district slogan “There is no place like Jessiveille.”

As a USDA Provision 2 school, Jessiveille district is able to feed every student not only a free lunch but also breakfast each day. Every student receive a free backpack. Each student in kindergarten through first grade is provided with an iPad and every student in second through twelfth grade with a Chrome book. In addition, an after-school program is available to all students K-12 provided by a grant. Tutoring programs are available with many Villagers serving as volunteers.

Speers noted that several physical infrastructure projects are taking place on the campus. These include an improved road system to aid traffic flow and bathroom improvements.

High School Principal Toby Packard and Elementary Principal Jed Johnson were introduced. Both spoke on improvements in their respective areas. Both emphasized programs which expose students to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects as well as career path opportunities. A new internship program will match students with local employers in order for the students to gain real world experience.

## **POA REPORTS**

### **Governance Report – Bob Cunningham**

In the absence of POA board chairman Tom Weiss, Bob Cunningham reported the following:

- The pickle ball construction project is proceeding on target,
- The POA Board of Directors accepted a bid on the tennis center project to replace several court surfaces and install new irrigation.
- The Board accepted a bid to replace existing computer servers. Cunningham asked all GAC members to read the White Paper on Declaration and Covenant changes and to attend the town hall meeting August 7 at 6:00 pm.

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

- Program directors are working on their budgets with the staff and committees. The summary of the budgets will be presented at the September board meeting. More in depth budget hearings will be held later. The plan is to have the budget approved at the October board meeting.
- Nalley discussed changes proposed in the White Paper on Declaration and Covenants. She outlined several venues through which the public could get their questions answered.

- The POA recently had a good meeting with the Troon President and Vice President for Sales. They told the Troon representatives that the Village was very committed to a strong brand and want our partners to provide their best services to that end. Troon has agreed to provide more marketing and promotion of the HSV brand.
- A hotelier reached out to the Village pursuing prospects for a hotel in the Village. Positive discussions were held, Nalley reported. Among the issues discussed was the lack of certain incentives to assist the developer.

### **GAC SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### Healthcare – Richard Johnson

Johnson reported that Robert Trautman submitted his resignation as CEO of Saline Memorial Medical Center. Rebecca Jones is the new contact person. The plans for a clinic in Hot Springs Village have not changed.

#### Broadband Services – Greg Jones

Jones reported that work continues toward improving internet service in the Village. He is working with Suddenlink and residents on Pinocha Way and San Augustin Way in addition to his continuing work with the residents of Binefar subdivision. Jones is working with the broadband subcommittee of GAC to formulate a survey to mail to Village residents.

#### Legislative Affairs – Pam Avila

Avila reported that everything is going well for the September candidates' forum. The deadline for candidates to sign up to speak has expired. Nine candidate have responded and are planning to attend.

### **J.P. COMMENTS**

#### Garland County – Larry Griffin

- Cost estimates on the Highway 70/270 interchanges were very high. ARDOT will take another look at the two proposals in order to reduce costs.
- The Promise Land interchange on the MLK extension has been eliminated by ARDOT.
- The Senior Adult Center in Hot Springs that had been at the Old Armory will be moved to a new location.
- The county detention center is operating according to expectations. Two units have never been opened.

## **REMINDERS AND CALENDAR**

The next forum on the Declaration Changes is scheduled for August 7, 2018, at 6:00 PM, Ponce DeLeon Center.

The next GAC meeting will be Friday, September 7, 2018, at Fountain Lake School District, Administration offices.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am.