

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES July 10, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on July 10, 2018, at the GHSA office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Associate Director Carror Wright.

Roll call by Media Director Steve Figueroa showed the following: Present - 9; Absent - 1 (A next to name)

Gary Long
Steven Craft

Curt Miller
Jim Finch - A

Joe Lancaster
Jasper Jewell

Jesse Crews
Michelle Masters

Glenn White
Lisa Moore Williams

Motion by Crews, second by Lancaster, to adopt the agenda.

Motion Passed (unanimously)

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion was made by Crews, seconded by Craft, and unanimously approved to go into Executive Session to hear student eligibility appeals. (NOTE: Presentations were made in Executive Session; all votes were taken after voting to come out of Executive Session. For clarity, outcome of vote is given after each statement of presentation.)

Kennesaw Mountain High School - Don Baker, AD, presented the appeal for student Madison Tallman, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

Motion by Crews, second by Craft, to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION to Approve PASSED (unanimously)

Tucker High School - Bryan Lamar, AD, presented the appeal of penalties levied against the girls basketball team.

Motion by Crews, second by White, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION to Deny PASSED (5-4, with Craft, Miller, Masters and Williams voting "no")

OLD BUSINESS:

Second vote needed on Constitutional proposal to return to bi-annual meetings of the full State Executive Committee beginning with the 2018-19 school year. Note: This proposal was unanimously approved at the April 9, 2018 meeting of the Executive Committee, which was the first vote.

Motion by Crews, second by Jewell, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to amend the requirement for baseball teams to use either "Game Changer" or "PitchKount" programs for documenting pitch counts by deleting "~~Game Changer~~" and allowing only "PitchKount" to be used.

Motion by Crews, second by Williams, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

Proposal to delete the words "unless the schedule is affected by weather" from item G-2(g) under State Tournament in the Baseball section on page 58.

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Motion by Crews, second by Craft, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

Proposal to reword Item C-8 (page 58) under "State Playoffs" of the Baseball section as follows (old text is struck out, new text is in italic): "In the event that a *State Playoff* game is ~~terminated or suspended~~ prior to becoming a legal game, it shall *resume from the point of interruption* ~~be rescheduled~~ on the next available date. If that date can not be agreed upon by the competing schools, the GHSA Executive Director shall determine the playing date.

Motion by Craft, second by Masters, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

First vote on the following Constitutional proposals:

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 9, Paragraph C by adding to the end of the paragraph the following language: "*Any appeal of the decision of the Executive Director does not suspend the ruling made or penalty assessed pending a ruling on the appeal.*"

Motion by Crews, second by Williams, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 9 by adding a new Paragraph I. as follows: "*The Executive Director shall have the authority to lengthen or shorten the time for appeals of decisions, if required in his discretion, to accommodate pending schedules, events or other matters.*"

Motion by Williams, second by Crews, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Robin Hines congratulated Associate Director Tommy Whittle on his recent appointment to the NFHS rules committee for the sport of Lacrosse, and Board of Trustees member Jasper Jewell on his selection to the NFHS Education Committee. Hines went over the current GHSA financial outlook and presented the committee with a listing of the state playoff payouts made to member schools this past school year.

Hines also announced the seasons for the new E-Sports program, which will have a first season running from October to January, and a second season running from February to May of this upcoming school year.

He updated the committee on the status of holding the state championship football games at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, including the fact the GHSA has reserved Tuesday and Wednesday (Dec. 11 & 12) in case we are bumped out of the preferred dates of Dec. 7-8 by the Atlanta United soccer club's playoffs.

Hines called on GHSA attorney Alan Connell, who updated the committee on the still-pending lawsuit filed by Charlton County concerning a forfeited baseball game. He said he expected it would be several months before there was a ruling.

Hines also called on BOT member Steven Craft to discuss summer activities and whether or not the GHSA needs to do something about players practicing at one school during the summer while still being enrolled at another school.

Motion by Williams, second by Lancaster to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)