

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 4, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on March 4, 2019, 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 - 10; Absent - 0

Gary Long
Steven Craft

Curt Miller
Jim Finch

Joe Lancaster
Jasper Jewell

Jesse Crews
Michelle Masters

Glenn White
Lisa Moore Williams

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

Motion Passed (unanimously)

APPOINTMENTS:

Motion was made by Craft, seconded by Miller, 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.)

Pebblebrook High School - Dr. Leslie Ellis, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Kevin Anariba, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

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

MOTION to Approve PASSED 8-2 (Finch and Masters voting no)

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to change the requirements for hosting a Football Semifinal-Round playoff game as follows:

If both teams in the **Semifinal Round** have the **same seeding**, the following procedure will be used:

1. Regardless of the ability of a school to host, the "Universal" GHSA coin flip (see By-Law 4.39) will determine the host site.

2. If both schools have the same seeding, the winner of the coin flip will have the opportunity to bring its stadium up to specifications as outlined in B-1-g on page 63 of the GHSA Constitution, or to secure a suitable stadium (if their stadium does not meet the seating requirement). If they can't secure a stadium or bring theirs up to specifications, the opponent will then be awarded the home game, assuming their stadium meets the requirements. The winner of the coin flip will have until 4:00 p.m., the following Monday to secure a suitable stadium or commit to bringing their stadium up to specifications.

3. If neither school meets the seating requirement, and the winner of the coin flip can't find a suitable stadium or bring their stadium up to the specifications, the Executive Director will designate a neutral site. (Fulton County Schools)

Motion by Craft, second by Jewell, to **Approve** the proposal as modified by the committee.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

The following is a Constitutional proposal and will require two votes. This is the **FIRST vote**.

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3A on page 8 of the Constitution by adding to the end of the first sentence the following language (new wording is in italic): . . . , plus one member from each classification (*as selected by a vote of the BOT representatives in that respective classification*) and three (3) at-large members, two (2) of which must be female and one (1) of which must represent a private school, to be appointed by the BOT and approved by a vote of the State Executive Committee." (Glenn White)

Motion by Craft, second by Miller, to **Approve** the proposal as modified by the committee.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Robin Hines commended Wrestling Coordinator Don Corr for his work with the recent Dual and Traditional State Wrestling Tournaments and how smoothly they ran and how well they were attended.

Hines then detailed some of the problems the staff faced with the recent power ratings in basketball and informed the board that at least one more day would be needed for the resolution of power rating appeals to ensure the state playoff brackets are correct when published.

Hines then outlined the so-called "Tim Tebow" bill that would allow home-school students to participate in extra curricular activities at their public school of residence. After much discussion, pro and con, from board members, Hines was directed to draw up a proposal for the April meeting of the State Executive Committee.

Hines also promised to bring a proposal to the April meeting that would address member school losing money at playoff games and saying that the GHSA would not receive any money from such games.

Hines mentioned other legislation that would possibly impact the GHSA and the board engaged in a lively discussion of the same.

Hines also talked about having more appeal sites in different areas of the state to make it easier for member schools to get there and he closed by mentioning a meeting later in the month with the Atlanta Falcons, who are pushing for the GHSA to add the sport of flag football for girls.

Motion by White, second by Jewell to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION Passed (unanimously)