

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES January 13, 2022 (electronically)

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 2:30 p.m., on January 13, 2022 by Glenn White, President. The meeting was held electronically. Roll call showed the following: Present - 10; Absent - 3

Nathan Turner - A
Steven Craft
Kevin May
Jasper Jewell

Jim Finch
Michael Thompson
Jesse Crews - A
Kevin Petroski

Michelle Masters
Regina Montgomery
Ricky Turner - A

Glenn White
Curt Miller

The Board of Trustees held a called electronic meeting along with guest Phil Williams (the Superintendent of Trion City Schools), who was invited to give his views on the recent reclassification cycle and the two Senate bills dropped in the past few days that would affect the GHSA.

Williams thanked the group for allowing him to participate and went on to speak of the "frustration" some superintendents were feeling with the recent reclassification, a feeling he said was shared by Senator Jeff Mullis, who sponsored the bills in question.

The crux of the issue, according to Williams, is the elimination of the Public/Private school "split" in Class A and the return to having private schools playing public schools in almost every GHSA classification.

A spirited discussion ensued, with several members of the BOT explaining how the current reclassification plan was arrived at after many weeks of meetings.

Many of the board members expressed the view that whatever plan the GHSA implemented would make some schools unhappy and it is only those schools who seek relief from their local representatives.

White suggested that several members of the board, along with Phil Williams, meet with Senator Mullis in person at a date to be determined so they could discuss the situation further and see if a compromise position could be arrived at.

Executive Director Robin Hines agreed with that idea. White said he would set up the meeting and let everyone know the date and time.

White then thanked everybody and adjourned the meeting.