

## MINUTES OF RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Etheridge.

Motion by Jesse Crews [seconded by Glenn White] to rescind the region alignments for Class AAAAA that were approved on December 3, 2013. The motion was passed unanimously.

After a discussion about balancing the number of teams in regions 4-7, a motion was made by Kevin Gidden [seconded by J.B. Arnold] to adopt a revised alignment for Class AAAAA without any consideration of isolation issues. The motion passed unanimously (new alignment is attached).

Dr. Dusty Kornegay, Superintendent of Thomas County Schools, made a three-minute presentation about the concerns of the isolation process applied to Thomas County Central.

Motion was made by Dave Hunter [seconded by Jesse Crews] to take a brief recess to read through correspondence submitted by several schools about the isolation issues in Class AAAAA. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Kevin Giddens [seconded by Glenn White] to resume the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held about the schools that had been declared as isolated schools – either into Class AAAAA or out of Class AAAAA. The discussion involved the articulation of the criteria used to determine whether the schools were to be moved to a lower classification in all sports or just in sports other than football.

Evans, Effingham County & Richmond Hill: These schools were isolated in all sports because of the travel distances to other AAAAA schools.

Camden County: The travel distances to other Class AAAAA schools led to the isolation for all sports but football. Football is a sport where numerical differences have significant impact on competition issues, so this school should play football at the AAAAA level.

Bainbridge & Thomas Co. Central: The AAAA region in which these schools have been placed is also made up of schools that had numbers for AAA placement. It was felt that, since football is a sport where numerical differences have significant impact on competition issues, these schools should play at the AAAAA level.

Motion was made by Glenn White [seconded by J.B. Arnold] that no changes be made in the isolation designations noted on the revised plan approved earlier in the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Jesse Crews [seconded by Glenn White] to approve the revised plan for Class AAAAA. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Dowling, Principal of Lee County High School, made a three-minute presentation requesting consideration for Lee County High School to be declared an isolated school, and he shared ideas about changes to be considered for future reclassification procedures.

Motion by Glenn White [seconded by Jesse Crews] to receive the Lee County report as information. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Glenn White [seconded by Dave Hunter] to allow appeals from school that had been declared as isolated schools at the meeting on January 7, 2014 – along with appeals for lateral transfers. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

REVISED CLASS AAAAA ALIGNMENTS

REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3	REGION 4
<p>Bainbridge (FB only)  Carver, Columbus  Columbus  Hardaway  Harris County  LaGrange  Northside, Columbus  Shaw  Thomas Co. Cen. (FB only)</p>	<p><u>Sub-region A</u>  Cross Creek  Evans (isolated)  Greenbrier  Grovetown  Lakeside, Evans  Richmond Academy</p> <p><u>Sub-region B</u>  Jones County  Houston County  Northside, Warner Robins  Warner Robins</p>	<p><u>Sub-region A</u>  Brunswick  Camden Co. (all but FB)  Coffee  Glynn Academy  Ware County</p> <p><u>Sub-region B</u>  Bradwell Institute  Effingham Co. (isolated)  Richmond Hill (isolated)  South Effingham  Statesboro</p>	<p><u>Sub-region A</u>  Northgate  McIntosh  Starr's Mill  Morrow  Mundy's Mill  Drew  Forest Park</p> <p><u>Sub-region B</u>  Woodland, Henry  Ola  Union Grove  Dutchtown  Stockbridge  Luella</p>
REGION 5	REGION 6	REGION 7	REGION 8
<p><u>Sub-region A</u>  Allatoona  Paulding County  East Paulding  Hiram  South Paulding</p> <p><u>Sub-region B</u>  Alexander  Chapel Hill  Lithia Springs  New Manchester  Villa Rica</p>	<p><u>Sub-region A</u>  M.L. King  Dunwoody  Stephenson  Miller Grove  Clarkston  Druid Hills  Southwest Dekalb</p> <p><u>Sub-region B</u>  Mays  North Atlanta  Carver, Atlanta  Creskide  Tri-Cities  Banneker</p>	<p><u>Sub-region A</u>  Woodland, Bartow  Dalton  Cass  Rome  Creekview  Sequoyah  River Ridge</p> <p><u>Sub-region B</u>  Sprayberry  Kell  Forsyth Central  North Springs  Riverwood  Cambridge</p>	<p>Apalachee  Cedar Shoals  Clarke Central  Flowery Branch  Gainesville  Heritage, Conyers  Lanier  Loganville  Salem  Winder Barrow</p>