## GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## **MINUTES**

## STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE March 6, 2017

A called meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on March 6, 2017, at the Thomaston-Upson Civic Center by Glenn White, President.

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

Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 66, Absent - 0

**Greg Tillery** Don Corr Wade Marchman Joe Lancaster Bill Schmitz Evan Horton Steven Craft Henry Laws Paul Stokes Justin Brown Christian Suttle Geep Cunningham Chip Walker Mike Thompson Steve Simpson Steve Jones Britt Adams Benjy Rogers Donnie Drew Chris Brown Nathan Turner David Shields Ben Corley Marvin Fields Michelle Masters Kelly Taylor Frank Barden Regina Montgomery Gary Long Tim Barron Kirk Barton **Curt Miller** Harley Calhoun Pat Blenke Jasper Jewell Bradley Warren Tony Arasi Mike Cammack Phil McCrary J.T. Pollock Kevin Kinsler Carter Wilson Tim Adams Tim Armstrong Wes Taylor Earl Etheridge Mike Nelson Chad Campbell John Pinson Todd Mobley Garrett Black Tommy Stringer Horace Dunson Jesse Crews Bobby McAllister Bruce Potts Jeff Battles Britt Ingle Joe Sanfilippo Kevin May Nathan Hand Jim Finch Jeff Cooper Glenn Tidwell

**Motion** by Crews, second by Ingle, to adopt the agenda Motion passed unanimously

Executive Director **Gary Phillips** then asked to address the committee. He read a prepared statement (see Appendix 1) regarding the proposal on the agenda for this meeting and his wishes on the matter.

**Motion** by Crews, second by Etheridge, to go into executive session to discuss the agenda item, which is a personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously

During the executive session, several members of the committee spoke to the issue, mentioning their support for Gary Phillips and asking him what he really wanted to do. Committee members also called upon GHSA counsel Alan Connell to explain their options regarding amending or making a substitute motion.

**Motion** by Pat Blenke, second by Crews, to come out of executive session in order to vote. Motion passed unanimously

White called for a vote on the original agenda item, which reads as follows:

The **BOARD of TRUSTEES** recommends to the GHSA Executive Committee that it accept the Executive Director's offer to retire at the end of the 2016-2017 school year upon the condition that the GHSA honor his contract and the benefits due him thereunder through the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion failed unanimously.

**Motion** by Potts and Suttle, second by Blenki, to allow Gary Phillips to retire at the end of the current school year, if he so chooses, under the stipulation that the GHSA will honor his contract and the benefits due him through the remainder of his contract term (2017-2018 school year)

Motion passed unanimously

The meeting was then adjourned by unanimous vote.