

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE October 5, 2020

A meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on October 5, 2020, at the Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Curt Miller. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 73 Absent - 1

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| Greg Tillery | Kandice Mitchell | Darrell Demastus | Jim Finch | Davis Russell | Donnie Drew | Richard Woods |
| Evan Horton | Don Breedlove | Garrett Black | John Sanders | Brian Montgomery | Mark Farriba | David Colvard |
| Matthew Moody | Don Baker | Jeff Littleton | Doug Connelly | Rick Hurst | Scott Queen | Jason Miller |
| Jason Dopson - sub | Steven Craft | Jeff Battles | James Jackson | Brian Turner | Chad Griffin | Philip Brown |
| Tonya Sebring | Matt McDonald | Brooke Whitlock | Brent Mashburn | John Pinson | Chris Hanson | Craig Davis |
| Nathan Turner | Chris Brown | Barney Hester | Matt Johnson - sub | Jesse Crews | Brad Dehem | Joe Sanfilippo |
| Chris Hall - sub | Shane Ratliff | Charles Battles - A | Eli Connell | Bradley Warren | David Lowery | Curt Miller |
| Scarlett Grantham | Kevin May | Jasper Jewell | Cleve Edwards | Don Norton | Chad Jordan | Glenn White |
| Jason Brett | Kelli Smith | Jarred Griffis | Mike Thompson | Harley Calhoun | Kevin Petroski | |
| Earl Etheridge | Bobby Brewington | Michael Dowis | Von Lassiter | Michael Langston | Michelle Masters | |
| Marty Jackson | Rendell Jackson | Shawn Peek | Myron Newton | Steve Simpson | Regina Montgomery | |

Motion was made by Crews, seconded by May, and unanimously approved to adopt the agenda for the meeting.

Motion was made by Crews, seconded by Simpson, and unanimously approved to go into executive session to hear student appeals (Note: The appeals were heard in executive session, but all votes were taken after coming out of executive session).

APPOINTMENTS:

Sandy Creek High School - Richard Smith, P, presented an appeal for Kamen Walker, requesting a waiver of the 8-semester rule.

Motion by Finch, second by Horton, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Starr's Mill High School - Allen Leonard, P, presented an appeal for Orlando Angulo Diaz, requesting a waiver of the 8-semester rule.

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

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

North Springs High School - Vince Strine, AD, presented an appeal for Zahir Jackson, requesting a waiver of the 8-semester rule.

Motion by N. Turner, second by Smith, to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Pinecrest Academy - Shawn Coury, AD, presented an appeal for Bryce Balthaser, requesting a waiver of the 8-semester rule.

Motion by Finch, second by Grantham, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Pace Academy - Troy Baker, AD, presented an appeal for Justin Bowick, requesting a waiver of the migratory rule.

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

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

King's Ridge - Mike Power, AD, presented an appeal for Dylan Sears, requesting a waiver of the migratory rule.

Motion by C. Brown, second by Jewell, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

King's Ridge - Mike Power, AD, presented an appeal for Delaney Burke, requesting a waiver of the migratory rule.

Motion by Finch, second by Craft, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Committee reports constitute motions by the Chairman of the Committee, no seconds are required.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to modify By-Law 1.62-b on page 19 of the GHSA Constitution by **deleting** the "NOTE" which reads as follows: "Students who have a bona fide move within a service area that has multiple private schools must file a hardship to seek eligibility if they wish to enroll into a different private school."

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Proposal to increase the three-man crew officials' fee in Soccer from \$60 to \$70. The fee would then be comparable to basketball and baseball crews of two or three on the GHSA Fee Chart. **Effective Immediately**

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

The Board of Trustees' selected nominees for two "at large" members to join the BOT as outlined in Section 3, Item "A" on page 8 of the GHSA Constitution. Those selections were **Tommy Marshall** and **Kandice Mitchell**.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

The committee **DENIED**:

Proposal to allow 8th grade students to participate in varsity sports (other than football and wrestling) for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year in order to fill roster spots depleted by COVID 19 situations. This rule would be revisited in the Spring of 2021.

The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**:

Proposal from Cobb County Schools to rename the GHSA State Baseball Championships "The Harvey Cochran Georgia High School Baseball State Championships."

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

1. **Proposal** to replace ALL scenarios involving "Mini Games" in the GHSA football tiebreaker. This will begin with the 2021 season and reads as follows:
 - A. If two teams tie, and one of the teams has defeated the other in a regular schedule region game, the winner shall be declared the region play-off representative. Three or more tied teams shall first be considered in sets of two-way ties. NOTE: If three or more teams are tied, use head to head record among the tied teams to break ties for seeding. Only utilize points to break ties among teams when the ties are a perfect triangle, with each team having the same record among the tied teams.
 - B. If two teams tie and the tied teams split or have not played each other in a region game (no round robin) the team with the greater sum of winning margin using the following point system, shall be the play-off representative.
 - C. If more than two teams remain tied after applying (A) above, the following point system shall be used to eliminate all but two teams. Tabulate the sum of the winning margins of each team's region games as indicated in the following:

POINT SYSTEM:

 1. If the margin of victory is more than 13 points only 13 points shall count.
 2. Losses shall be tallied as 0 (zero) points.
 3. Forfeited games. Offended teams shall receive 13 points when tabulating the sum of the winning margins for breaking region ties.
 - D. After tabulating the sum of the winning margins, all teams except the two with the greater sum shall be eliminated, and the selection process shall begin again with paragraph (A).
 - E. If teams remain tied after the above procedures are applied, the play-off representative shall be determined by a coin toss. The coin toss, supervised by the REGION OFFICERS, shall be used to eliminate all but two teams and then begin again with paragraph (A).

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- F. In the event the region is eligible for more than one play-off representative, each subsequent play-off representative shall be chosen by reapplying the procedures above.
- G. All regions will use the adopted procedures for breaking ties that occur in the order of standings when round robin schedules are completed.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines addressed the committee on several issues related to COVID-19 that will effect upcoming state playoff events. The state Swimming and Diving meet will continue to be held at Georgia Tech as in the past, but Tech's current policy of allowing no spectators may necessitate a charge of \$40 per participating athlete in order to pay for the venue.

There will be no stands inside the Columbus complex for the upcoming state Softball Final Four, so fans must bring their own seats and practice social distances within the complex. And the semifinal round in the state Basketball tournament will take place at high school gyms because many of the neutral arenas normally used by the GHSA are not allowing spectators in.

Hines went on to say that there will be no ticket limits for the state Football Finals at Georgia State this year, but the entire stadium will be open for seating so that fans can practice social distancing. Also football will be using digital ticketing only, as will as many sports as possible for the remainder of the year.

Hines also mentioned the new GHSA "Diversity Committee" that he said will be getting off the ground shortly.

He then went over the recent audit of the GHSA, advising the committee that there were no problems or issues. Revenue was down because of the loss of spring sports to COVID-19, but expenses were also down because the spring playoffs were not held, so the GHSA wound up in excellent financial shape.

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

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)