

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE October 3, 2022

A meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on October 3, 2022, at the Marriott Macon City Center by Jim Finch, 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 - 74, Absent - 1 (indicated by "A" below)

Danny Redshaw	Todd Mooney	Darrell Demastus	James Stanford	Brian Montgomery	Brian Turner	Regina Montgomery
Evan Horton	Willie Cannon - A	Jeff Segars	Shawn Peek	Joshua Moore	David Bell	Richard Woods
Don Baker	Tonya Sebring	Jeff Battles	Felecia Colquitt	Barry Williams	Don Tison	David Colvard
Nick Gast - sub	Jason Holcombe-sub	Marty Shiver	Jasper Jewell	Kevin Petroski	Bradley Warren - sub	Ben Wiggins - sub
Matt Moody	Brad Hayes	Brooke Whitlock	Ronnie Massey	Mike Thompson	Eli Dupree	Kevin Yancey
Nathan Turner	Garrett Black	Shane Ratliff	Paul Standard	Fred Williams	Don Norton	Craig Davis
Kirk Barton	Kelli Smith	Charles Battles	Eli Connell	Randy Cooper	Josh Kemp	Joe Sanfilippo
Scarlett Grantham	Mindy Johnson	Bobby Brewington	Jarrett Luke	Tim Gribben	Chad Jordan	Curt Miller
Jody Dean - sub	James Jackson	Jarred Griffis	Kevin Grooms	Richard Ricketts	Steve Simpson	Jim Finch
Steve Waters	Rendell Jackson	Michael Dowis	Jesse Crews	Brad Dehem	Jose Fernandez	
Cedric King	Jeff Burch - sub	Jeremy Rayburn	Myron Newton	Rick Hurst	Greg Ellison - sub	

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

APPOINTMENTS: (Note: presentations involving students were done in Executive Session, but all votes were held in open session.)

Calhoun High School - Brock Holley, Athletic Director, presented the appeal of penalties levied for violation of by-laws 2.52-g and 2.69-c.

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

MOTION to Deny FAILED 36-38 (Roll Call Vote: Yes - Redshaw, Horton, Baker, Gast, Moody, N. Turner, Barton, Grantham, Dean, Waters, King, Holcombe, Hayes, Smith, Johnson, J. Jackson, R. Jackson, Burch, Shiver, Griffis, Rayburn, Stanford, Colquitt, Massey, Luke, Crews, Newton, Thompson, Gribben, Dupree, Norton, Jordan, Simpson, Ellison, R. Montgomery, Finch. **No** - Mooney, Sebring, Black, Demastus, Segars, J. Battles, Whitlock, Ratliff, C. Battles, Brewington, Dowis, Peek, Jewell, Standard, Connell, Grooms, B. Montgomery, Moore, B. Williams, Petroski, F. Williams, Cooper, Ricketts, Dehem, Hurst, B. Turner, Bell, Tison, Warren, Kemp, Fernandez, Woods, Colvard, Wiggins, Yancey, Davis, Sanfilippo, Miller.)

ACE Charter School - Josh McClendon, Athletic Director, presented the appeal of penalties levied for violation of by-law 1.72-d.

Motion by R. Montgomery, second by B. Montgomery to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION to Approve PASSED 68-6 (Thompson, Luke, Crews, C. Battles, Whitlock and Redshaw voted No)

B.E.S.T. Academy - Joshua Moore, Athletic Director, presented the appeal of penalties levied for violation of by-laws 2.27 and 2.71-f.

Motion by C. Battles, second by Brewington to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION to Approve PASSED 63-8-3 (Crews, Thompson, Luke, Griffis, Redshaw, N. Turner, Dupree and Whitlock voted No; Moore, R. Jackson and Jewell recused themselves)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report presented by Nathan Turner

The committee **RECOMMENDED:**

- Proposal** to modify By-Law 1.62 on page 19 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text struck out):
(a) The student moved simultaneously with the entire parental unit ~~or and all other persons he/she resided lived~~ with at the former ~~school residence~~, and the student and parent(s) or persons residing with the student live in the service area of the new school that residential unit moved into the service area of the new school with simultaneous enrollment of the student in the new school. This is known as a "**bona fide move**." (NOTE: A move within the same service area does not constitute a bona fide move.)

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- (1) The student may choose the public or private school serving that area.
- (2) It must be apparent that the parent(s) ~~or~~ *and all* the persons residing with the student and the student have relinquished the residence in the former service area and have occupied a residence in the new service area.

Effective Immediately (Vote: 13-0)

Motion Passed (Unanimously)

2. **Proposal** to modify By-Law 1.72 on page 22 of the GHSA Constitution by adding the following (new text in italic): "A student athlete transferring from one school to another, *or entering the ninth grade for the first time*, shall be ruled ineligible for one year if it is proven that: ... (items a. through e. remain the same)." **Effective Immediately (Vote: 11-0-2)**

Motion Passed (Unanimously)

3. **Proposal** to add new "f" under By-Law 4.42 (Lifetime Passes) on page 44 of the GHSA Constitution as follows: *(f) Retired Contest Officials with 30 years of active service in the GHSA.* **(Vote: 13-0)**

Motion Passed (Unanimously)

4. **Proposal** to modify By-Law 4.57 on page 45 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text struck out): . . . The "GHSA Officials ~~Card~~ *Pass*" will allow the legal bearer of the ~~card~~ *Pass* his/her admission ~~(only)~~ *plus one (1)* to all GHSA sanctioned events/activities. **(Vote: 13-0)**

Motion Passed (Unanimously)

The committee **DENIED**:

Proposal to modify By-Law 2.69 (c) on page 33 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text struck out): "A GHSA coach (certified teacher or community coach) may not coach a *competitive* non-GHSA team ~~in a competitive setting of the same gender he/she coaches in the GHSA~~ during the *same* school year that includes any player(s) who participate in the sport he/she coaches at the member school. Exception stays same. **(Vote: 13-0)**

TENNIS COMMITTEE

Report Presented by Scarlett Grantham

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to change the restriction on Tennis competition from the current limit of 18 **matches** to 18 **playing dates**, with multiple matches allowed on any of those 18 dates. **(Vote: 6-0)** **NOTE:** The Tennis Committee voted 6-0 to modify the proposal to make it **Effective Immediately**.

Motion Passed (Unanimously)

VOLLEYBALL COMMITTEE

Report Presented by Don Baker

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to modify item "4." under Miscellaneous Information on page 89 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic, old text struck out): All varsity Region/Area Volleyball matches shall be officiated by at least ~~one~~ *two* (+ 2) officially dressed volleyball officials who ~~is~~ *are* registered under the GHSA plan for the registration of officials.

a) *The host school must provide registered Line Judges or adults (21 years old or older) who have completed the Line Judge Course at learn.ghsa.net at all varsity matches.*

b) *The host school must provide an adult (21 years old or older) to maintain the official scorebook and libero tracker sheet at all varsity matches.* **(Vote: 8-0)**

Motion Passed 70-4 (Griffis, Ricketts, Connell and Tison voted No)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines call on Assistant Executive Director Ernie Yarbrough, who presented awards from the NFHS for Georgia's Contest Officials of the Year.

Hines then spoke to the committee about a GHSA survey regarding the possibility of moving the sport of Golf from the Spring to the Fall. Hines reminded the committee that the Constitution gives the authority of setting season beginning and ending dates for all sports to the GHSA office, but said he wanted to gather as much information as possible in order to make an informed decision. He told the committee the survey was 52 percent in favor of leaving Golf in the Spring and asked for a show of hands from the committee that showed about the same percentages.

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Hines then informed the committee that the Atlanta Falcons had offered their indoor practice facility for the state semifinal Flag Football games this year.

He then went on to say that discussions were still taking place about the possibility of moving the state football championship games back to the Mercedes-Benz Stadium at some point in the future, possibly as early as 2023.

Hines then called upon GHSA council Alan Connell, who gave a brief update of legal issues facing the GHSA. Connell spoke of two issues involving the sport of wrestling that have been ongoing for years. He said one might be coming to an end soon, but the other was recently extended by a judge's ruling.

Hines gave a brief update of two legislative issues involving the GHSA, and then gave the annual financial report. He told the committee that, with the current situation on Wall Street, the long-term investments were down. But he said all other financial issues were in excellent shape, so much so that membership dues have been waived for a third straight year and the GHSA office will be issuing checks very soon to all member schools in the amount of their dues and catastrophic insurance premiums.

Hines thanked the committee for all their hard work and dedication to the association and then turned the meeting back over to President Finch, who called for a motion to adjourn.

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

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)