

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE September 27, 2021

A meeting of the Reclassification Committee of the GHSA was called to order at 11:00 a.m., on September 27, 2021, at the Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center, by Glenn White, President. Jasper Jewell led the pledge to the flag, while Associate Director Carror Wright gave the invocation. Roll call by Media Director Steve Figueroa showed: Present - 18; Absent - 1 (indicated by "A").

Kirk Barton	Jody Dean	Jim Finch	Donnie Drew	Tommy Marshall
Randy McPherson	Bobby Brewington	James Jackson	Jesse Crews	Glenn White
Steve Waters	Jasper Jewell	Davis Russell	Julie Jones	Curt Miller - via Zoom
Steven Craft	Scott Miller - sub	Myron Newton - A	Chris Hanson	

NEW BUSINESS:

President Glenn White called the meeting to order, then turned it over to acting committee chairman Jasper Jewell, who was filling for chairman Curt Miller. Miller had a school-related emergency, but participated in the meeting electronically.

Jewell called upon representatives of Cartersville High School, Jefferson High School and Calhoun High School, who had submitted a new proposal prior to the meeting. Their proposal was to keep the current 2.0 multiplier for out-of-district students, but to apply the multiplier only to those out-of-district students that actually participated in extra curricular activities at a given school.

Jewell then read an additional new proposal submitted by Baconton Charter School that would change Class 1A to include only those schools with 300 or fewer students to help the smaller schools be more competitive.

Jewell then asked the committee for comments or questions about the multiplier. Several members spoke with most seeming to favor a multiplier of 2.5 or 3.0. White then commented that some schools could not compete in a higher class, but reminded the committee that those schools could appeal their placement based on their past athletic record.

Tommy Marshall asked the committee to reconsider a previous proposal from the larger private schools, which had been voted down at a previous meeting. His motion to put that proposal back under consideration (seconded by Julie Jones) passed with only three negative votes (Crews, Finch & White).

Jewell called on anyone else in the audience who wanted to speak. Several representatives of both private schools and city schools spoke against using a multiplier. Committee member Kirk Barton verified with the chair that any school not satisfied with their classification placement after the multiplier was applied could appeal to the Reclassification Committee and give reasons why the placement was not warranted.

At this point, Jewell decided to take straw votes on the existing proposals in an effort to narrow down the ideas that will be discussed at the Fall State Executive Committee Oct. 3-4.

Jewell asked for a show of hands to all who wished to move forward with the private school's competitive balance proposal. That ideal failed by a 13-5 vote.

A similar show of hands for the use of a multiplier was approved by a 13-5 vote.

The new proposal from Baconton Charter was considered next, but it failed to garner any positive votes.

Finally, the new proposal from Cartersville, Jefferson and Calhoun was voted on, but it failed by a 13-5 vote.

Jasper summed up by saying, "When we meet again in Macon next Sunday, our focus will be on the multiplier and the other details surrounding that idea."

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White then asked to speak, saying that the committee needed to agree on a range for the multiplier. He made a motion to consider a multiplier of between 2.5 and 3.0 and that passed by a 14-4 vote.

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

MOTION Passed (unanimously)