GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE November 10, 2021

The Reclassification Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on November 10, 2021, at the GHSA office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Glenn White, President, to hear appeals about classification placements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Curt Miller. The invocation was given by Associate Director Carror Wright. Present - 18; Absent - 1 (shown by "**A**" below)

Kirk Barton
Randy McPherson
Steve Waters
Steven Craft

Jason Brett - sub Bobby Brewington Jasper Jewell

Jeff Littleton - A

Jim Finch
James Jackson
Davis Russell / Tim Huff
Myron Newton

Donnie Drew Jesse Crews Julie Jones Chris Hanson

Ricky Turner - sub Glenn White Curt Miller

APPOINTMENTS

<u>Aquinas</u> - Joe McBride, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from A Private to 2A Motion by Finch, second by White, to deny the appeal MOTION to deny Failed 7-11 (White, Finch, Miller, Crews, McPherson, Brett and Drew voting "yes")

<u>Fellowship Christian</u> - David Lowery, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from A Private to 2A **Motion** by Craft, second by Barton, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Failed 6-12** (Barton, Craft, Hanson, Waters, Turner, Jones voting "yes")

<u>Pace Academy</u> - Fred Assaf, Head of School, presented the appeal to play up from A Private to 4A Motion by Jewell, second by Barton, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 14-4 (Finch, Miller, Crews and McPherson voting "no")

Holy Innocents' - Tony Watkins, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from A Private to 4A
 Motion by Hanson, second by Craft, to approve the appeal
 MOTION to approve Passed 13-5 (Finch, Miller, Drew, McPherson and Crews voting "no")

<u>Trinity Christian</u> - Lance Duncan, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from A Private to 4A **Motion** by Turner, second by Barton, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 12-5-1** (Finch, Crews, Miller, Newton & McPherson voting "no." Hanson abstained)

Elite Scholars - Jason Greenlee, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from A Public to 2A Motion by Jewell, second by Brewington, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 14-4 (Finch, Miller, McPherson and Crews voting "no")

<u>BEST Academy</u> - Joshua Moore, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from A Public to 2A **Motion** by Craft, second by Waters, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 16-1** (Miller voting "no." Jewell abstained)

<u>Coretta Scott King</u> - Joshua Moorel, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from A Public to 2A Motion by Craft, second by Waters, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 16-1 (Miller voting "no." Jewell abstained)

<u>Davidson Fine Arts</u> - Scott McClintock, Richmond County AD, presented the appeal to play up from A Public to 2A **Motion** by Waters, second by Brewington, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 16-1** (Miller voting "no." Newton abstained)

<u>AR Johnson</u> - Scott McClintock, Richmond County AD, presented the appeal to play up from A Public to 2A Motion by Waters, second by Brewington, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 16-1 (Miller voting "no." Newton abstained)

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R.C. Technical Magnet - Scott McClintock, Richmond County AD, presented the appeal to play up from A Public to 2A
 Motion by Waters, second by Brewington, to approve the appeal
 MOTION to approve Passed 16-1 (Miller voting "no." Newton abstained)

<u>Savannah High School</u> - John Sanders, system Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from 2A to 3A Motion by Turner, second by Jewell, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 17-1 (Finch voting "no")

<u>Woodville Tompkins High School</u> - John Sanders, system Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from 2A to 3A **Motion** by Turner, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 17-1** (Finch voting "no")

Mary Persons High School - Appeal withdrawn by school.

<u>Mays High School</u> - Dallas Allen, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from 4A to 5A Motion by Finch, second by Russell, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 17-0-1 (Jewell abstained)

<u>Jackson County High School</u> - Brad Hayes, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from 5A to 6A **Motion** by Craft, second by Finch, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed** (unanimously)

<u>Milton High School</u> - Steven Craft, system Athletic Director, presented the appeal to play up from 6A to 7A <u>Motion</u> by Finch, second by Crews, to <u>approve</u> the appeal <u>MOTION</u> to <u>approve</u> <u>Passed 17-0-1</u> (Craft abstained)

Arabia Mountain - Sharon Richards, Athletic Department Chair, presented the appeal to go down from 7A
 Motion by Finch, second by Craft, to approve the appeal
 MOTION to approve Passed 16-0 (Brewington and Jackson abstained)

<u>St. Pius X</u> - Todd Mooney, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A Motion by Jewell, second by Barton, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 13-5 (Finch, Brett, McPherson, Miller, Crews voting "no")

<u>Woodward Academy</u> - Jose Fernandez, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A **Motion** by Jewell, second by Craft, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 12-6** (Finch, Drew, Brett, Miller, Crews and McPherson voting "no")

<u>Camden County</u> - John Tucker, Superintendent, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A <u>Motion</u> by Miller, second by Finch, to <u>deny</u> the appeal <u>MOTION</u> to <u>deny</u> <u>Passed</u> (unanimously)

<u>Richmond Hill</u> - Bivins Miller, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A **Motion** by Miller, second by White, to **deny** the appeal **MOTION** to **deny Passed** (unanimously)

<u>Carrollton High School</u> - Ian Lyle, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A Motion by Miller, second by Craft, to deny the appeal MOTION to deny Passed 14-4 (Turner, Jones, Russell, Hanson voting "no")

<u>East Paulding</u> - Andy Dorsey, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A Motion by Waters, second by Brewington, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed (unanimously)

<u>Kennesaw Mountain</u> - Phillip Matthews, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A Motion by Finch, second by Crews, to deny the appeal MOTION to deny Passed 14-4 (Jewell, Craft, Jackson and Drew voting "no")

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Rockdale County - Chad Suddeth, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A Motion by Jewell, second by White, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed (unanimously)

- <u>Etowah High School</u> Robert Horn, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 7A to 6A
 <u>Motion</u> by Finch, second by Crews, to <u>deny</u> the appeal
 <u>MOTION to deny Failed 8-10</u> (McPherson, Waters, Brett, Finch, Newton, Crews, White and Miller voting "yes")
- <u>Blessed Trinity</u> Ricky Turner, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 6A to 5A **Motion** by Finch, second by Craft, to **deny** the appeal **MOTION to deny Passed 13-4-1** (Jones, Russell, Brett and Hanson voting "no." Turner abstained)
- <u>Chapel Hill High School</u> Charles Hight, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 6A to 5A Motion by Barton, second by Hanson, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 11-7 (Finch, Miller, White, Crews, Drew, McPherson and Waters voting "no")
- <u>Marist School</u> Derek Waugh, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 6A to 5A Motion by Hanson, second by Turner, to **approve** the appeal MOTION to approve Failed 4-14 (Turner, Hanson, Jones and Huff voting "yes")
- <u>Thomas County Central</u> Trista Jones, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 6A to 4A <u>Motion</u> by Craft, second by Miller, to <u>deny</u> the appeal <u>MOTION</u> to <u>deny Passed</u> (unanimously)
- <u>KIPP Atlanta</u> Nyere Brown, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 6A to 2A Motion by Miller, second by Crews, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed 17-0-1 (Jewell abstained)
- Cartersville High School Appeal withdrawn by school
- <u>New Manchester High School</u> Scott Long, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 6A to 5A Motion by Craft, second by Finch, to deny the appeal MOTION to deny Passed 11-7 (Waters, Newton, Hanson, Turner, Jones, Jewell and Huff voting "no")
- <u>Calhoun High School</u> Brock Holley, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A **Motion** by Crews, second by Newton, to **deny** the appeal **MOTION to deny Passed 13-5** (Hanson, Huff, White, Jones and Turner voting "no")
- Greater Atlanta Christian School Tim Hardy, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A Motion by Barton, second by Turner, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Failed 6-12 (Hanson, Jones, Turner, Barton, Huff and Waters voting "yes")
- <u>Walnut Grove High School</u> Lindsey Allen, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A **Motion** by Miller, second by Crews, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed** (unanimously)
- <u>Perry High School</u> Wesley Martin, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A <u>Motion</u> by Brewington, second by Crews, to <u>approve</u> the appeal <u>MOTION</u> to <u>approve Passed 17-0-1</u> (Brett abstained)
- <u>Starr's Mill High School</u> Allen Leonard, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A **Motion** by Hanson, second by Barton, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 11-7** (Finch, Waters, Newton, White, Craft, Jewell and Jackson voting "no")
- Whitewater High School Appeal withdrawn by school
- <u>Jenkins High School</u> J.M. Hallman, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A **Motion** by Miller, second by Finch, to **deny** the appeal **MOTION to deny Passed 15-3** (Brewington, Drew and Huff voting "no")

<u>Riverdale High School</u> - Kevin May, system Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A **Motion** by Jewell, second by Jackson, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 15-3** (Barton, Turner and Jones voting "no")

<u>Jefferson High School</u> - Brian Moore, Associate Superintendent, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A **Motion** by Crews, second by Waters, to **deny** the appeal

MOTION to deny Passed 13-5 (Huff, Turner, Jones, Hanson and Drew voting "no")

<u>Flowery Branch High School</u> - Jimmy Lawler, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 5A to 4A **Motion** by Miller, second by Craft, to **deny** the appeal **MOTION to deny Passed 16-2** (Barton and Huff voting "no")

<u>Cross Creek High School</u> - Chris Hughes, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 4A to 3A Motion by Barton, second by Crews, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Passed (unanimously)

<u>Richmond Academy</u> - Kevin Scheyer, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 4A to 3A **Motion** by Barton, second by Jackson, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 10-8** (Finch, Miller, Jewell, Craft, McPherson, Turner, Jones and Waters voting "no")

<u>West Hall High School</u> - David Wagner, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 4A to 3A **Motion** by Waters, second by Turner, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed** (unanimously)

Pickens High School - Appeal withdrawn by school.

<u>Ridgeland High School</u> - Tim Sparks, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 4A to 3A **Motion** by Craft, second by Crews, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 17-1** (Huff voting "no")

Sonoraville High School - Appeal withdrawn by school

<u>Johnson-Savannah High School</u> - Derrick Muhammad, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 4A to 3A **Motion** by Finch, second by Craft, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed** (unanimously)

<u>Central-Macon High School</u> - Chendra Dupree, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 4A to 3A <u>Motion</u> by Finch, second by Miller, to <u>approve</u> the appeal <u>MOTION</u> to <u>approve Passed</u> (unanimously)

<u>Lovett School</u> - Adam Nelson, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 4A to 2A **Motion** by White, second by Finch, to **deny** the appeal **MOTION** to **deny Passed** (unanimously)

Bremen High School - Davis Russell, head football coach, presented the appeal to go down from 3A to 2A
 Motion by Miller, second by Craft, to deny the appeal
 MOTION to deny Passed 10-7-1 (Hanson, Barton, Jackson, Waters, White, Jones, Turner voting "no." Russell abstained)

Thomasville High School - Jeremy Rayburn, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 3A to 2A Motion by Jewell, second by Huff, to approve the appeal MOTION to approve Failed 5-13 (Huff, Newton, Drew, Hanson and Jewell voting "yes")

East Jackson High School - Appeal withdrawn by school

<u>Vidalia High School</u> - John Sharpe, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 3A to 2A **Motion** by Craft, second by Jewell, to **deny** the appeal **MOTION** to **deny Passed 17-1** (Huff voting "no") Minutes - November 10, 2021 Page -5-

<u>Therrell High School</u> - Gregory Sullivan, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go down from 3A to 2A **Motion** by Miller, second by Crews, to **approve** the appeal **MOTION to approve Passed 14-3-1** (Hanson, Jones & Turner voting "no." Jewell abstained)

<u>Bryan County High School</u> - Liz Raeburn, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 2A to A Public <u>Motion</u> by Crews, second by White, to <u>approve</u> the appeal <u>MOTION</u> to <u>approve Passed</u> (unanimously)

<u>Social Circle High School</u> - Tim Armstrong, Principal, presented the appeal to go down from 2A to A Public Motion by Finch, second by White, to deny the appeal MOTION to deny Passed 16-2 (Jewell & Miller voting "no")

The committee set the date for lateral appeals within classifications for 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 18 in the GHSA office.