

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 15, 2024

The Spring meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on April 15, 2024, 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 Ernie Yarbrough, Assistant Director, showed the following: Present - 74, Absent - 1 (**A** below)

Danny Redshaw	Todd Mooney	Darrell Demastus	Greg Ellison	Brian Montgomery	Mike Cleveland - sub	Regina Montgomery
Evan Horton	Willie Cannon	Jeff Segars	Reggie Wilkes	Joshua Moore	David Bell	Richard Woods
Don Baker	Tonya Sebring	Jeff Battles	Lawrence Kelly	Barry Williams	Don Tison - A	David Colvard
Jason Dopson	Steven Craft	Dexter Ricks	Jasper Jewell	Kevin Petroski	Bradley Warren	Eric Holland
Matt Moody	Brad Hayes	Brooke Whitlock	Ronnie Massey	Mike Thompson	Eli Dupree	Kevin Yancey
Keith Gravitt - sub	Garrett Black	Shane Ratliff	Paul Standard	Fred Williams	Don Norton	Craig Davis
Kirk Barton	Kelli Hutcheson	Andre Byrd	Eli Connell	Randy Cooper	Harley Calhoun	Joe Sanfilippo
Jason Carrera	Mindy Johnson	Bobby Brewington	Jarrett Luke	Tim Gribben	Chad Jordan	Curt Miller
Jason Brett	Paris Burd - sub	Chuck Robinson - sub	Kevin Grooms	Richard Ricketts	Steven Simpson	Jim Finch
Steve Waters	Rendell Jackson	Michael Dowis	Jesse Crews	Brad Dehem	Jose Fernandez	
Cedric King	Peter Giles	Jeremy Rayburn	Myron Newton	Rick Hurst	Michelle Masters	

Assistant Executive Director Ernie Yarbrough presented several NFHS Coaching and Officiating Awards.

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

Motion was made by Simpson, seconded by Norton, and unanimously approved to go into executive session to hear a student appeal (Note: The appeal was heard in executive session, but the vote was taken after coming out of executive session).

APPOINTMENTS:

Johns Creek High School - Kirk Call, Athletic Director, presented an eight-semester appeal for student Christopher Smith.

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

MOTION to Approve PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report presented by Kelli Hutcheson

The committee **RECOMMENDED:**

- Proposal** to change pay scale for Dance Officials to be exactly the same as the current scale for Cheerleading Officials: \$10.70 per team for the first 12 teams (with pay for a minimum of 12) and \$8.60 per team for more than 12 teams. (**Vote:** 14-0)
Motion Passed (Unanimously)
- Proposal** to modify By-Law 1.62, item "c-3" on page 19 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (deleted text struck out) so as to allow students from non-member schools in Georgia who transfer to GHSA schools to be eligible immediately as long as it is their first enrollment in a GHSA school: "The student has not yet established eligibility in grades 9-12 at a member school ~~servng his area of residence~~. Eligibility is established at the first time the student enrolls in a GHSA member school for the first time." (**Vote:** 14-0)
Motion Passed (Unanimously)
- Proposal** to modify By-Law 2.16, item "a" on page 24 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (new text in italic): *A GHSA member school* playing a non-region schedule may not participate in post-season competition *in the GHSA or any other association.* (**Vote:** 14-0)
Motion Passed (Unanimously)

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4. **Proposal** to modify By-Law 2.62, item "a-2" on page 28 of the GHSA Constitution as follows (deleted text struck out): (2) Participants must be in compliance with all eligibility rules of their respective associations ~~with the exception that only those participants in grades 9-12 shall be allowed to participate~~. NOTE: This would allow GHSA schools to compete against non-GHSA schools that have athletes in grades lower than 9th, as long as they are eligible for high school competition in their own association. This includes GISA, GAPPS, and member schools from other State Associations who are full members. **(Vote: 14-0)**
Motion Passed (Unanimously)
5. **Proposal** to add a new item "g" to By-Law 2.62 on page 29 of the GHSA Constitution as follows: All competitions in sports utilizing a Rating Formula to seed post-season qualification **MUST** be played to completion with a winner and loser being determined. **(Vote: 14-0)**
Motion Passed (Unanimously)
6. **Proposal** to include contest officials under the GHSA Concussion Policy (by-law 2.68) should they exhibit any signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion during the officiating of a contest or scrimmage. **(Vote: 14-0)**
Motion Passed (Unanimously)

The committee **VOTED TO TABLE:**

Proposal to add the following text to Sportsmanship by-law 2.76 on page 35 of the GHSA Constitution at the end of the existing text (new text in italic): *Signs held by spectators may not exceed 8.5"x11" so as not to obstruct the view of others in attendance.* **(Vote: 14-0)**

The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION:**

1. **Presentation** on allowing a two-week "Arm Conditioning Period" in Baseball prior to the official date for the start of practice beginning with the 2025 season. During this two-week period, only balls, gloves and catcher's gear could be used and the four athletes to one coach skill-building sessions could not be held at the same time as the Arm Conditioning Period workouts.
2. Executive Director Robin Hines discussed the budget and the At-Large positions on the new Board of Trustees.
3. BOT process in selecting Dr. Tim Scott as new E.D. (8 applicants, 3 finalists).

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE Report presented by Curt Miller

The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION:**

"Competitive Balance" proposal from Jose Fernandez (Woodward Academy) and Adam Lindsey (Gainesville).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines commended Dr. Fred Williams, Dublin, for his selection as "Superintendent of the Year." He also complemented Associate Director Jay Russel for his selection to the GADA Hall of Fame.

Hines then went over the new GHSA budget (no dues or catastrophic insurance for 2024-25).

Motion to accept the new budget by Woods, second by Crews. **Unanimously approved.** (See following page)

GHSA Council Alan Connell then presented information on pending GHSA legal actions (2 cleared – 1 active).

Hines thanked the outgoing SEC members for their service, and then conducted the election for new GHSA Vice President: Crews nominated Curt Miller to retain the position and Barton seconded. There were no other nominees.

The election for new President followed: Crews nominated Jim Finch to retain the position and Grooms seconded. There were no other nominees.

Finch then recognized the work Dr. Hines (who is retiring) has done during his tenure and the hard work of the GHSA Staff.

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

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

GHSA 2023-24 Budget	Budget		Budget	
Revenue	2023-24		2024-25	
Books & Publications	\$200.00		\$1,000.00	
Invitational/Regional Tourneys	\$175,000.00		\$175,000.00	
State Tourneys & Playoffs	\$3,500,000.00		\$3,700,000.00	
Dues	\$109,530.00	Waived	\$109,530.00	Waived
Insurance Fees (Members)	\$202,470.00	Waived	\$202,470.00	Waived
Community Coach Registration	\$525,000.00		\$525,000.00	
Trophies & Awards	\$10,000.00		\$6,000.00	
Fines	\$300,000.00		\$300,000.00	
GHSA Pass Replacement Fee	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Interest Income	\$600.00		\$800.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Rule Books	\$2,500.00		\$1,500.00	
GHSA Pass for Officials	\$30,000.00		\$35,000.00	
Officiating Department	\$175,000.00		\$225,000.00	
Corporate/Vendor Partnerships	\$800,000.00		\$1,000,000.00	
Contingency Acct (Member Share)	\$0.00		\$325,000.00	Year #3
Total Revenue	\$5,831,300.00		\$6,607,300.00	
Expenses				
Payroll Taxes	\$90,000.00		\$110,000.00	
Professional Fees	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00	
Retirement Expense	\$128,000.00		\$140,000.00	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,080,000.00		\$1,234,000.00	
State Tourneys/Playoffs	\$2,600,000.00		\$2,700,000.00	
State Meets (Non-Athletic)	\$45,000.00		\$50,000.00	
Clinics & Exams	\$18,000.00		\$18,000.00	
Evaluations	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	
Insurance Expense	\$900,000.00		\$925,000.00	
Occupancy Expense	\$40,000.00		\$50,000.00	
Travel Expense/Meetings	\$110,000.00		\$110,000.00	
Outside Services	\$105,000.00		\$105,000.00	
Office Supplies/Equipment	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
Postal/Parcel Delivery	\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
Telephone	\$12,000.00		\$12,000.00	
Service Contracts	\$18,000.00		\$22,000.00	
Community Coach Program	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00	
Trophies & Medals	\$120,000.00		\$120,000.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	
Flowers & Honoraria	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
Marketing Expenses	\$10,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Member Share	\$0.00		\$325,000.00	
Licensing (Payout to Schools)	\$45,000.00		\$45,000.00	
Adaptive Sports	\$75,500.00		\$75,500.00	
Depreciation	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$300.00		\$300.00	
Officiating Department	\$100,000.00		\$225,000.00	
NFHS Books/Publications	\$68,000.00		\$68,000.00	
Sports Medicine	\$2,000.00		\$3,000.00	
Total Expenses	\$5,831,300.00		\$6,607,300.00	