

MINUTES OF RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl Etheridge. (Present were committee members Dave Hunter, Kevin Giddens, Earl Etheridge, Tommy Stringer, Wayne Tootle, David Brooks, Bruce Potts, Glenn White, Todd Mobley, Jesse Crews, Donnie Drew and Gary Holmes. Absent were J.B. Arnold and Walter Wade.)

After an invocation by Carror Wright and some introductory remarks by Assistant Executive Director Gary Phillips, the committee heard appeals from three schools regarding "isolated schools status."

Trista Jones, Assistant Principal, presented the appeal for **Thomas County Central**, asking to be "isolated" down from AAAAA to AAAA in all sports, including football.

Motion by Jesse Crews, seconded by Glenn White, to deny the appeal. Motion to deny passed 10-2 (No: Mobley, Hunter).

Kevin Dowling, Principal, presented the appeal for **Lee County**, asking to move down from AAAAA to AAAAA in football.

Motion by Jesse Crews, seconded by Glenn White, to deny the appeal. Motion to deny passed 11-0-1 (Abstain: Giddens).

Lance Heard, Superintendent of Cook County schools, presented the appeal for **Cook High School** to not be isolated into AAAA, but to go back to AAA in all sports.

Motion by Todd Mobley, seconded by Bruce Potts, to approve the appeal. Motion to approve failed 3-9 (Yes: Mobley, Brooks, Drew).

Motion by Jesse Crews, seconded by Glenn White, to recess until noon when lateral transfers will be heard. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jesse Crews, seconded by Dave Hunter to reconvene to hear lateral transfer appeals. Motion passed unanimously. (Present were committee members Dave Hunter, Kevin Giddens, Earl Etheridge, Tommy Stringer, Wayne Tootle, David Brooks, Bruce Potts, Glenn White, Todd Mobley, Jesse Crews and Donnie Drew. Absent were J.B. Arnold, Walter Wade and Gary Holmes.)

Motion by Jesse Crews, seconded by Glenn White, to hear the appeals by classification, then vote on all those in the same classification before hearing others. Motion passed unanimously. (The voting was done in this manner, but for the sake of clarity, the votes are presented with each appeal.)

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Gary Sylvestri, AD, and Cliff Jones, Principal, presented the appeal for **Milton High School**, requesting to move from Region 5 to Region 6.

Motion by Kevin Giddens, seconded by Tommy Stringer, to deny the appeal. Motion to deny passed unanimously.

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Darren Wilkins, AD, presented the appeal for **Salem High School**, requesting to move from Region 8 to Region 4-B.

Motion by Tommy Stringer, seconded by Bruce Potts, to deny the appeal. Motion to deny passed unanimously.

Doug Britten, school AD, and Jeff Beggs, system AD, presented the appeal for **North Atlanta High School**, requesting to move from Region 6 to Region 7.

Motion by Kevin Giddens, seconded by Jesse Crews, to approve the appeal. Motion to approve passed 10-1 (No: White).

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Kathleen Washington, school AD, and Jeff Beggs, system AD, presented the appeal for **Grady High School**, requesting to move from Region 5 to Region 6.

Motion by David Brooks, seconded by Glenn White, to approve the appeal. Motion to approve passed 8-3 (No: Hunter, Stringer and Crews).

Mike Duncan, Superintendent, and Mark Andrews, AD, presented the appeal for **Pike County High School**, requesting to move from Region 5 to Region 4.

Motion by Jesse Crews, seconded by Glenn White to approve the appeal. Motion to approve failed 5-6 (No: Hunter, Giddens, Stringer, Mobley, Potts and Brooks.)

Thomas Boutwell, Principal, and Hank Evans, AD, presented the appeal for **Walnut Grove High School**, requesting to move from Region 8 to Region 4.

Motion by Tommy Stringer, seconded by Jesse Crews, to approve the appeal. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

AAA

Bruce Mulkey, Principal, presented the appeal for **Adairsville High School**, requesting to move from Region 5 to Region 6.

Motion by Tommy Stringer, seconded by Jesse Crews, to approve the appeal. Motion to approve passed 10-1 (No: Potts).

Tanner Glisson, Manchester head football coach, presented the appeal for **New Meriwether County High School**, requesting to move from Region 5 to Region 2.

Motion by Dave Hunter, seconded by Wayne Tootle, to approve the appeal. Motion to approve passed 10-1 (No: Potts).

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David Nesmith, head football coach, presented the appeal for **Portal High School**, requesting to move from Region 3-A to Region 3-B.

Motion by Glenn White, seconded by Tommy Stringer, to deny the appeal. Motion to deny passed unanimously.

Jackie Cowan, head girls basketball coach, presented the appeal for **SW Atlanta Christian**, requesting to move from Region 6 to Region 5

Motion by Jesse Crews, seconded by Glenn White, to approve the appeal. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Lynn Dupree, AD, presented the appeal for **Whitefield Academy**, requesting to move from Region 5 to Region 6.

Motion by Jesse Crews, seconded by Glenn White, to approve the appeal. Motion to approve passed 7-4 (No: Hunter, Giddens, Stringer and Brooks).

Motion by Glenn White, seconded by Kevin Giddens, to adjourn. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.