

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
GHSA - THOMASTON, GEORGIA
November 20, 2024 - 1:30 p.m.

The Georgia High School Association Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m., on November 20, 2024, at the GHSA office in Thomaston 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 Marvin James, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 12, Absent - 1 (A below)

Curt Miller Jim Finch Steve Waters Bobby Brewington Eli Connel Kevin Petroski Mike Thompson Jose Fernandez
Regina Montgomery Steve Simpson Scarlett Grantham Brian Montgomery Michelle Masters-A

Call for Motion to Approve Agenda – Jim Finch, President

Motion to Approve – Steve Waters

Seconded by – Steve Simpson

Request to amend the agenda to amend by law 2.62, e, 7 Drones used during GHSA sanctioned events: Kevin Petroski

Approved - Eli Connell

Seconded by - Curt Miller

Items for discussion and information

1. Dr. Scott will lead a discussion on the Competitive Balance model for discussion purposes only.

The Board was presented with current school population rankings and encouraged to discuss their questions, comments, and concerns on how the GHSA and BOT should proceed. Trustee members were also given a survey on Competitive Balance to gather an opinion based on the board members.

Dr. Scott stated he will get together with the reclass committee to develop a strategy to formalize the process and better educate GHSA member schools on the breakdown of Competitive Balance and how collectively take next steps.

2. GHSA declined (NFHS turns down events) charge to be placed in the GHSA Constitution (Marvin James)

We are adding the price point of webcasting to the Constitution and Bylaws in order to be transparent with our GHSA member schools (bylaw 2.84 c). The Cost of streaming a NFHS declined event is \$750.00. The GHSA office plans to remove the three-tier payment scale (Bylaw 2.85) according to market size, because we have

transcended the market size issue. Radio and audio streams are primarily performed through the internet and market size has become irrelevant.

3. Discussion of transfer by-law (Scarlett Grantham)

Ms. Grantham introduced to the trustee's stronger verbiage with accountability in the by-laws towards student-athletes transferring. Discussion was had to reword 1.62 (3a,b) 1.62 (g) a, 1.65 to provide more comprehensive process for bonafide moves. An example of this would include "All licensed drivers in the household must in compliance with change of address policy updating their driver's license or identification card from the Georgia DMV." Dr. Scott is having proposed changes reviewed by the attorney.

4. Amend By-Law 2.62, e, 7 by adding the wording "unless issued by the GHSA office for state contests." (see below)

Kevin Petroski would like to amend that the GHSA office uses certified drone companies to use drones for cross-country and GHSA state championships for the NFHS network. Petroski would like to move this proposal to the SEC meeting in the spring.

Call for Motion to Adjourn: Jim Finch, President

Motion Approved by: Curt Miller

Seconded by: Steve Simpson