

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 19, 2021

A meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on April 19, 2021, at the Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Curt Miller. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 75 Absent - 0

Greg Tillery	Kandice Mitchell	Darrell Demastus	James Stanford - sub	Davis Russell	Donnie Drew	Regina Montgomery
Chip Walker - sub	Don Breedlove	Garrett Black	John Sanders	Brian Montgomery	Mark Farriba	Richard Woods
Matthew Moody	Don Baker	Jeff Littleton	Doug Connelly	Rick Hurst	Scott Queen	David Colvard
Ed Shaddix	Steven Craft	Jeff Battles	James Jackson	Mike Cleveland - sub	Chad Griffin	Jason Miller
Tonya Sebring	Matt McDonald	Brooke Whitlock	Brent Mashburn	John Pinson	Chris Hanson	Philip Brown
Nathan Turner	Chris Brown	Barney Hester	Rodney Walker	Jesse Crews	Brad Dehem	Craig Davis
Kirk Barton	Shane Ratliff	Charles Battles	Eli Connell	Bradley Warren	David Lowery	Joe Sanfilippo
Scarlett Grantham	Kevin May	Jasper Jewell	Cleve Edwards	Don Norton	Chad Jordan	Curt Miller
Jason Brett	Kelli Smith	Jarred Griffis	Von Lassiter	Harley Calhoun	Kevin Petroski	Glenn White
Earl Etheridge	Bobby Brewington	Michael Dowis	Mike Thompson	Michael Langston	Tommy Marshall	
Marty Jackson	Rendell Jackson	Shawn Peek	Myron Newton	Steve Simpson	Michelle Masters	

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

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Tucker High School** - Cancelled.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**NOTE:** Both of the following proposals are Constitutional changes and require two (2) votes. This is the **second** vote. Both passed unanimously in the first vote.

1. **Proposal** to modify GHSA Constitution (Article IV, Section 13, Violation of Rules on page 13) by adding to existing paragraph "B" the following language: "The Executive Director shall also have the authority to refer allegations of intentional or grossly negligent violations of GHSA by-laws and rules by GHSA member schools or their personnel to the GHSA Trustees for considerations of additional penalties." (GHSA Office)

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

2. **Proposal** to modify GHSA Constitution (Article IV, Section 3, Board of Trustees on page 8) by adding a new paragraph "E" that reads as follows: "Upon receiving a referral from the Executive Director of alleged intentional or grossly negligent violations of GHSA by-laws and rules by GHSA member schools or their personnel, the Board of Trustees by majority vote shall have the authority to assess further and additional penalties for such intentional or grossly negligent violations against the member school, including, but not limited to, an additional fine of not more than \$2,500.00 for each such offense, and/or probation for a period of up to one calendar year in the sport(s) in which the violation occurred, and/or suspension of the member school from the GHSA for a period of up to one full calendar year. Any additional penalties assessed under this paragraph shall be appealable to the GHSA Executive Committee." (GHSA Office)

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The committee **RECOMMENDED:**

1. **Proposal** to modify the rule to allow for one coach (head or assistant) to stand in the libero replacement zone to coach his/her team during play in the sport of Volleyball. (**Vote:** 9-0)

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

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2. **Proposal** to amend by-law 2.62, item "f" on page 29 of the GHSA Constitution to add a scrimmage in the sport of Wrestling with the following wording "*tri match allowed on days preceding school or quad match on days not preceding a school day.*" The stipulations in items 1-4 of the by-law would remain the same. (**Vote:** 9-0)  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**
3. **Proposal** to modify item G-1 under State Tournament on page 52 of the GHSA Constitution to allow pep bands to play at playoff basketball games. (**Vote:** 9-0)  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**
4. **Proposal** to approve GHSA budget for the 2021-22 school year. (**Vote:** 9-0) – See attachment  
**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**
5. **Proposal** to continue the current region alignments through school years 2022-23 and 2023-24. (**Vote:** 9-0)  
**MOTION PASSED (67-8, Etheridge, Waters, Griffin, Walker, Demastus, Ratliff, Breedlove & Whitlock voting "no")**  
**Note:** This is a constitutional change and will require two (2) votes. This is the **First** vote.

The committee **DENIED**:

1. **Proposal** to allow one week of tryouts during the fall semester in the sport of Soccer. (**Vote:** 9-0)
2. **Proposal** to allow five days of spring tryouts between May 1 and the end of school in the sport of Flag Football. (**Vote:** 9-0)
3. **Proposal** to amend by-law 4.23, item "b" (**Out-Of-Zone Multiplier**) on page 40 of the GHSA Constitution to **delete** the wording "...*except that no school shall be moved up into Class 7A.*". The rest of the by-law would remain the same. (**Vote:** 9-0)
4. **Proposal** to modify by-law 1.11 on page 14 of the GHSA Constitution by adding the following wording: "*Note: Transfer students are cleared to practice (not to compete) once the receiving school has enough information to determine that the student(s) will meet the (a) academic requirements (b) age (c) semesters in high school.*" (**Vote:** 6-3)

The committee **TABLED**:

**Proposal** to amend by-law 2.62, item "f" on page 29 of the GHSA Constitution to allow two (2) interscholastic scrimmages in the sport of Soccer while keeping the current limit of one (1) in the other sports listed. The stipulations in items 1-4 of the by-law would remain the same. (**Vote:** 9-0)

### ONE ACT PLAY COMMITTEE

Report presented by Kevin Petroski

**Proposal** to add a new item No. 5 to Section "G" on page 105 of the GHSA Constitution to read as follows: "*If two of the three judges rank a play as being No. 1 at Region or State competition, that play wins the competition no matter what rank or score the other judge gives the play.*" (Withdrawn)

**Substitute Proposal:** "The lowest placement score of the three judges will be dropped in region and state competition."

**Motion** by Crews, second by Walker, to adopt the substitution proposal (**Vote:** 7-0)

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines thanked the committee for making the school year a success despite the problems caused by the pandemic. He said the GHSA was focused on a return to normalcy next school year and anticipated following the schedule as planned, including allowing full spectator attendance at all state playoff events.

He then went over the budget for 2021-22, saying that while the GHSA lost revenue because of issues related to COVID-19, the association was still in excellent shape financially. So much so, in fact, that he announced the waiver of school dues and catastrophic insurance payments next year, in addition to a first-ever payment plan from the GHSA office to member schools in the amount of twice the school's normal dues.

Hines then called upon GHSA counsel Alan Connell, who updated the committee on a couple of lingering legal suits that he said he hoped would be resolved in the next year.

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Hines briefed the committee on the recently-passed home-school bill and discussed some possible trans-gender bills that may come to light in the future.

He closed by mentioning a new contract with MaxPreps that will require schools in major sports to enter their rosters and schedules prior to each sports season.

**Motion** by Simpson, second by Crews, to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**GHSA 2021-22 Budget**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	
Books & Publications	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Invitational/Regional Tourneys	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	
State Tourneys & Playoffs	\$2,940,000.00	\$2,940,000.00	
Dues	\$109,530.00	\$109,530.00	Waived
Insurance Fees (Members)	\$202,470.00	\$202,470.00	Waived
Community Coach Registration	\$515,000.00	\$515,000.00	
Trophies & Awards	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Fines	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	
GHSA Pass Replacement Fee	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Interest Income	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Rule Books	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
GHSA Pass for Officials	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	
Officiating Department	\$390,000.00	\$390,000.00	
Corporate/Vendor Partnerships	\$890,000.00	\$890,000.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,584,300.00</b>	<b>\$5,584,300.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Payroll Taxes	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	
Professional Fees	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	
Retirement Expense	\$114,500.00	\$114,500.00	
Salaries & Wages	\$1,012,500.00	\$1,012,500.00	
State Tourneys/Playoffs	\$2,200,000.00	\$2,200,000.00	
State Meets (Non-Athletic)	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00	
Clinics & Exams	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	
Evaluations	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	
Insurance Expense	\$1,010,000.00	\$1,010,000.00	
Occupancy Expense	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	
Travel Expense/Meetings	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	
NFHS Section III Meeting Host	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Outside Services	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	
Office Supplies/Equipment	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	
Postal/Parcel Delivery	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	
Telephone	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Service Contracts	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	
Community Coach Program	\$172,000.00	\$172,000.00	
Trophies & Medals	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	
Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Flowers & Honoraria	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Marketing Expenses	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00	
Licensing (Payout to Schools)	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	
Disability Sports	\$75,500.00	\$75,500.00	
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$300.00	\$300.00	
Officiating Department	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00	
NFHS Books/Publications	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	
Sports Medicine	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,584,300.00</b>	<b>\$5,584,300.00</b>	