

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE April 15, 2019

The semiannual meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on April 15, 2019, at the Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia, by Glenn White, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 66 Absent - 0

Welton Coffey - sub	John Kelly	Wade Marchman	Joe Lancaster	Mike Emery
Evan Horton	Steven Craft	Jose Fernandez	Jarrett Luke	Justin Brown
Jim Dorsey	Geep Cunningham	Jarred Griffis	Mike Thompson	Steve Simpson
Tonya Sebring	Chris Brown	Britt Adams	Rex Hodges	Donnie Drew
Nathan Turner	David Shields	Jimmy Lawler	Myron Newton	Michelle Masters
Gary Long	Shane Ratliff	Michael Dowis	David Boland	Regina Montgomery
Kirk Barton	Curt Miller	Johnny Seabrooks	Jasper Jewell	Mike Tenoschok
Jon Weyher	Bobby Brewington	Shawn Peek	Bradley Warren	David Colvard
Kevin Kinsler	Rendell Jackson	Ulysses Hawthorne	Tim Armstrong	Jason Miller
Earl Etheridge	Don Breedlove	Mark Daniel	John Pinson	Philip Brown
Garrett Black	Dexter Wood	James Jackson	Jesse Crews	Bobby McAllister
Kevin May	Jeff Battles	Brent Mashburn	Chad Griffin	Jeff Beggs - sub
Nathan Hand	Jim Finch	Jeff Cooper	Glenn Tidwell	

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

Motion was made by Finch, seconded by Crews, and unanimously approved to go into executive session to hear student appeals (Note: appeals were heard in executive session, but all votes were taken after coming out of executive session).

Starr's Mill High School - Allen Leonard, Principal, presented the appeal for student Orlando Angulo Diaz, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

Motion by Jim Finch, second by Fernandez, to **Approve** the appeal through the 2019-20 school year.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Lakeside-Atlanta High School - Student Gabriel Palma, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule, was not able to attend. Therefore, according to GHSA by-laws, the committee was not able to hear the appeal.

Richmond Hill High School - Trey Robertson, Assistant Superintendent of Bryan County Schools, and Bill Evans, Wrestling Coach of Richmond Hill HS, presented the appeal of a ruling made during the 2019 State Dual Wrestling Tournament.

Motion by Dowis, second by Etheridge, to **Approve** the appeal and make Richmond Hill Co-State Champions.

MOTION FAILED (21-42-3 Roll Call Vote #1 - Yes: Coffey, Long, Barton, Etheridge, Shields, Breedlove, Battles, Adams, Lawler, Dowis, Hawthorne, Mashburn, Cooper, Thompson, Boland, Warren, Armstrong, Griffin, Tidwell, Colvard, P. Brown. **No:** Horton, Dorsey, Sebring, Turner, Weyher, Kinsler, Black, May, Kelly, Craft, Cunningham, C. Brown, Ratliff, C. Miller, Brewington, R. Jackson, Wood, Finch, Marchman, Fernandez, Griffis, Calhoun, Peek, Daniel, J. Jackson, Lancaster, Luke, Hodges, Newton, Jewell, Pinson, Emery, J. Brown, Drew, Masters, Montgomery, Tenoschok, J. Miller, McAllister, Beggs, White, Williams. **Abstain:** Hand, Crews, Simpson.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Second vote on the following Constitutional proposal:

- Proposal** to amend Article IV, Section 3A on page 8 of the Constitution by adding to the end of the first sentence the following language (new wording is in italic): . . . , plus one member from each classification (*as selected by a vote of the BOT representatives in that respective classification*) and three (3) at-large members, two (2) of which must be female and one (1) of which must represent a private school, to be appointed by the BOT and approved by a vote of the State Executive Committee." (**Note:** This proposal was passed unanimously by the BOT at a meeting on March 4, 2019)

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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Note: The BOT submitted the names of Kandice Mitchell, Atlanta Public Schools, and Dawn Odom, St. Vincent's Academy. **Motion** by Etheridge, second by Finch, to approve those two new selections to the Board of Trustees.

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 allow "home schooled" students to participate in GHSA activities for the member school in whose attendance zone they reside. Decisions regarding participation, grade validation and discipline are determined by the local education agency.

MOTION FAILED (19-47 Roll Call Vote #2 - Yes: Horton, Turner, Barton, Weyher, May, Craft, C. Miller, Brewington, R. Jackson, Battles, Daniel, Luke, Thompson, Jewell, Pinson, Crews, Simpson, White, Williams. **No:** Coffey, Dorsey, Sebring, Long, Kinsler, Etheridge, Black, Hand, Kelly, Cunningham, C. Brown, Shields, Ratliff, Breedlove, Wood, Finch, Marchman, Fernandez, Griffis, Adams, Lawler, Dowis, Calhoun, Peek, Hawthorne, J. Jackson, Mashburn, Cooper, Lancaster, Hodges, Newton, Boland, Warren, Armstrong, Griffin, Tidwell, Emery, J. Brown, Drew, Masters, Montgomery, Tenoschok, Colvard, J. Miller, P. Brown, McAllister, Beggs.)

2. **Proposal** to add the following language to by-law 4.41, item "c-7" on page 43 (new wording is in italic):
Two (2) Certified Athletic Trainers employed by the school system in grades 9-12 and recommended by the principal. *A copy of their Georgia Athletic Training license must be provided. Additional Certified Athletic Trainers employed by the school system may be requested.*

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

3. **Proposal** to create new item "g" in by-law 2.67 on page 31 as follows (new wording in italic):
(g) When the WBGTT reading is over 86, ice towels and spray bottles filled with ice water should be available at the "cool zone" to aid the cooling process AND cold immersion tubs must be available for the benefit of any player showing early signs of heat illness. *In the event of a serious EHI, the principle of **Cool First, Transport Second** should be utilized and implemented by the first medical provider onsite until cooling is completed (core temperature of 103 or less).*

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

4. **Proposal** to add the following language to by-law 2.54 on page 27:
CPR (minimum compression only) and AED training must occur prior to any team activity or within a maximum of 30 days from the start of team activity and must be renewed at a minimum of every two years.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

5. **Proposal** to create a new item "c" in by-law 2.21 on page 24 to read as follows:

(c) The Emergency Action Plan (EAP) should include the following:

- 1) The venue specific EAP should be reviewed and rehearsed annually and prior to each sport season.
 - a) Recommended personnel include local Emergency Medical Services (EMS), school public safety officials, school administrators, on-site medical personnel or school medical staff (team physicians or athletic trainers) and all pertinent coaching staff members.
- 2) The venue-specific EAP should be accessible to all involved in a potential emergent situation.
- 3) All emergency equipment, including Automatic External Defibrillators (AED), which is available on-site should be listed on the EAP.
- 4) The EAP should identify key personnel and their responsibilities to carry out the plan of action with a designated chain of command.
- 5) The EAP should contain appropriate contact information for the local and/or responding EMS personnel.
- 6) The EAP should contain the facility address, GPS coordinates, location and contact information.
- 7) A medical timeout is recommended prior to all GHSA sanctioned events and games to review EAP.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

6. **Proposal** to revise by-law 2.16 on page 24 as follows (new wording in italic): A school may choose to play a non-region schedule in football, basketball, *softball* and/or baseball, and this choice is in effect for *the current reclassification cycle*. *Schools playing a non-region schedule in football, basketball, softball, and/or baseball must inform the GHSA office not less than 30 days prior to the first official playing date for that sport.* (Note: This proposal was modified by executive committee vote).

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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7. **Proposal** to approved the budget for the 2019-20 school year. (See Appendix)
MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

The committee **DENIED**:

Proposal to allow appeals of the GHSA Age Rule.

The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**:

Proposal to increase from one (1) to two (2) the number of officially-dressed volleyball officials required at all GHSA varsity volleyball matches.

BASEBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Kevin May

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to allow **sub-varsity** teams the option of using free substitution and a batting order of 10 players if agreed upon by both coaches before the game. (Lineup cards must be presented to the umpire before the game and all subs and courtesy runners reported when changes are made. The batting order shall remain the same throughout the game).

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

The committee **DENIED**:

Proposal to allow schools to hold **fall try-outs** in baseball, choosing one of two options: Option 1 - Have five (5) consecutive days from the start of the school year until the end of August. Option 2 - Have three (3) designated Saturdays during the fall semester, each consisting of no more than five (5) hours maximum per day.

BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Curt Miller

The committee **DENIED**:

1. **Proposal** to implement the use of a Player-Control Restricted Arc for all GHSA games. The Arc would be four (4) feet from the center diameter of the basket rim. Illegal contact inside this Arc would be called a blocking foul unless the contact is a flagrant foul.
2. **Proposal** to increase the number of floor passes allowed per team at the state playoffs from six to 10.

The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**:

Proposal to mandate the use of a 30-second shot clock for all GHSA varsity games.

ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE

Report presented by Regina Montgomery

The committee **DENIED**:

1. **Proposal** to require **all** transfer students to complete a transfer form that has to be reviewed for accuracy and approved by the coach and principal from the previous school. On the form, the former coach should be able to declare whether or not the student left the program in good standing. If the coach declares that the student did not leave in good standing, then that student should be denied automatic eligibility and should be reviewed as a hardship applicant.

The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**:

2. **Proposal** to revise items "f" and "g" in by-law 1.45 on page 16 as follows (new wording is in italic):
 - (f) Students enrolled in grade 8 in a middle school or junior high school which is a feeder school to the member high school may participate in Spring football practice. *Eighth grade students at a non-feeder school that has no system high school may participate in spring football practice at the member high school serving the student's area of residence. Such a student must be pre-enrolled at that member high school, and once pre-enrolled, the student has established eligibility at that high school.*
 - (g) Students enrolled in grade 8 in a middle school or junior high school which is a feeder school to the member high school may try out for cheerleader, *volleyball and softball* at the high school. Eighth grade students at a non-feeder school that has no system high school may participate in cheerleader, *volleyball and softball* tryouts at the member high school serving the student's area of residence. Such a student must be pre-enrolled at that member high school, and once pre-enrolled, the student has established eligibility at that high school.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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FOOTBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The committee **DENIED**:

Proposal to have the sideline officials change sides for the second half of a game.

The committee **RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**:

1. **Proposal** to allow the head football coach access to review the game officials grades on their game evaluations.
2. **Proposal** to allow the head football coaches the option of evaluating officials immediately after the contest.

GOLF COMMITTEE

Report presented by Joe Lancaster

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to add an item "D-1" on page 65 that reads as follows: *Schools may use one (1) Saturday during the regular season as a playing date that does not count as one of the 12 allowed playing dates.*

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE

Report presented by Curt Miller

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to reword by-law 4.21 as follows: "Every two (2) years, member schools will be assigned a "Reclassification Student Count" and placed in classifications for competition." (**Note**: This is a Constitutional change and will require two votes. This is the first vote).

Motion by Etheridge, second by Crews, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Proposal to reword by-law 4.23 as follows: "The membership of the Association shall be divided into seven (7) classifications as follows:

(a) Schools will be placed in classifications (according to their Reclassification Student Count) as follows:

- (1) Class 7A: Largest 10% (approximately) of schools. **Note**: Schools may opt to play up into 7A, but no school may move down.
- (2) Class A Public/Private: Smallest 20% (approximately) of schools. **Note**: Non-football playing schools will NOT be counted when calculating the schools being placed in Class A. They will be placed in appropriate regions later.
- (3) The remaining schools (after 7A and Class A are populated) will be divided into five (5) approximately equal classifications (2A through 6A) with 19-21% in each class. at the discretion of the Reclassification Committee.

Motion by Etheridge, second by Crews, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Proposal that the Reclassification Committee will assign Class A Public schools into eight (8) Regions and Class A Private Schools into eight (8) Regions.

Motion by Etheridge, second by Crews, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION PASSED (64-2, Simpson and Griffin voting no)

Proposal to eliminate Power Ratings in all classifications.

Motion by Etheridge, second by Crews, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION PASSED (65-1, Sebring voting no)

Proposal to use a method (to be determined later by the Reclassification committee) to account for out of zone students.

Motion by Etheridge, second by Crews, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

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SOCCKER COMMITTEE

Report presented by Jesse Crews

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to change the overtime rule back to two (2) 10-minute periods, played to their entirety, to be followed by A-B-A-B penalty kicks if the teams are still tied after the OT periods.

MOTION PASSED (64-2, Hodges and Boland voting no)

SOFTBALL COMMITTEE

Report presented by Garrett Black

The committee **RECOMMENDED**:

Proposal to change the game limit for fast pitch softball as follows: The maximum number of softball games allowed shall be 30 games including games during the regular season, invitational tournaments and region tournaments. Delete the wording "Region tournament shall be structured so that no school will play more than eight (8) games n the tournament." (**Note:** This is effective for the 2020-21 school year)

MOTION PASSED (65-1, Bowers voting no)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines introduced Senator Ellis Black, who attended Sunday's sub-committee meetings as well as the Monday full meeting. Hines called Black "an important visitor and a great supporter of the GHSA."

Black then spoke for a few minutes about various legislative issues and how important it was for the members of the committee to develop good working relationships with the legislators from their districts.

Hines went on to mention that the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention bill was one of the positive things that came from the recent legislative session. He also discussed the recent four public input forums held around the state and said he would like to continue those in the future.

Hines then called upon GHSA attorney Alan Connell, who gave the committee a brief update of some current litigation that faces the GHSA and several settled issues.

Hines then went over the budget for the 2019-20 school year, mentioning that the next year's budget has stayed the same as the current year's budget for the first time in anyone's memory.

He also gave a brief summary of the financial situation with playing the state football games in the Mercedes-Benz stadium, relating how the GHSA had to supplement the schools' payouts by \$250,000 this past year to avoid having some very small payouts.

Hines also informed the committee about how big the upcoming NCAA Basketball Showcases are going to be and about how good a job is being done by staff to get this first-year project off the ground.

He closed by relating the finding of a recent survey, which showed that Girls Flag Football and Bass Fishing were the two most popular ideas for sports to be added to the GHSA lineup in the future. Those could come as early as the 2020-21 school year.

Motion by Finch, second by Crews, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

GHSA 2019-20 Budget			
	Budget	Budget	Proposed
Revenue	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Books & Publications	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Invitational/Regional Tourneys	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00
State Tourneys & Playoffs	\$3,100,000.00	\$3,111,000.00	\$3,060,000.00
Dues	\$108,600.00	\$109,530.00	\$109,530.00
Insurance Fees (Members)	\$200,600.00	\$202,470.00	\$202,470.00
Community Coach Registration	\$520,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Trophies & Awards	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Fines	\$250,000.00	\$255,000.00	\$255,000.00
GHSA Pass Replacement Fee	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Interest Income	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Rule Books	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$18,000.00
GHSA Pass for Officials		NEW	\$55,000.00
Officiating Department	\$360,000.00	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
Corporate/Vendor Partnerships	\$915,000.00	\$915,000.00	\$915,000.00
Total Revenue	\$5,630,800.00	\$5,668,800.00	\$5,668,800.00
Expenses			
Payroll Taxes	\$158,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Professional Fees	\$85,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$90,000.00
Retirement Expense	\$119,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00
Salaries & Wages	\$1,045,000.00	\$950,000.00	\$925,000.00
State Tourneys/Playoffs	\$2,100,000.00	\$2,275,000.00	\$2,275,000.00
State Meets (Non-Athletic)	\$37,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$42,000.00
Clinics & Exams	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00
Evaluations	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$22,000.00
Insurance Expense	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,025,000.00	\$1,025,000.00
Occupancy Expense	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Travel Expense/Meetings	\$125,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
NFHS Section III Meeting Host	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Outside Services	\$200,000.00	\$196,400.00	\$196,400.00
Office Supplies/Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$15,000.00
Postal/Parcel Delivery	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$20,000.00
Telephone	\$17,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Service Contracts	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
Community Coach Program	\$165,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$172,000.00
Trophies & Medals	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Flowers & Honoraria	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Marketing Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Licensing (Payout to Schools)	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Disability Sports	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,500.00
Depreciation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
Officiating Department	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$72,000.00
NFHS Books/Publications	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Sports Medicine	\$2,800.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,600.00
Total Expenses	\$5,630,800.00	\$5,668,800.00	\$5,668,800.00