

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES August 29, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 11:30 a.m., on August 29, 2017, at the GHSA office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Robin Hines, Executive Director. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 9; Absent - 1 (shown by "A" below)

Gary Long
Steven Craft

Tommy Stringer - A
Jim Finch

Joe Lancaster
Jasper Jewell

Jesse Crews
Michelle Masters

Glenn White
Lisa Moore Williams

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

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Crews, seconded by Finch, and unanimously approved to go into Executive Session to hear student eligibility appeals. (NOTE: Presentations were made in Executive Session; all votes were taken after voting to come out of Executive Session. For clarity, outcome of vote is given after each statement of presentation.)

Darlington School - Eddie Guth, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Addie Holmes, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

Motion by Crews, second by Williams, to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Heritage-Conyers High School - Ralph Denmark, Assistant Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Griffen Smith, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

Motion by Masters, second by Finch, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Norcross High School - Kirk Barton, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Ray Peng, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

Motion by Long, second by Craft, to **Approve** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (6-3; Finch, Lancaster and White voting "no")

Shiloh High School - Robert Wilson, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Kevin Hill, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

Motion by Finch, second by Masters, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (5-4; Long, Craft, Jewell and Williams voting "no")

Dacula High School - Mark Karen, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Brenden Tucker, requesting a reconsideration of a hardship decision rendered on 8/22/17 on migratory status.

Motion by Finch, second by Masters, to **Deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (8-1; Long voting "no")

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph C-2 of the GHSA Constitution as follows:

C. 2. The Executive Director shall have the authority to grant or deny an application for hardship status.

(Note: This is a constitutional change and will require two votes. This is the first vote.)

Motion by Finch, second by Craft, to **Approve** the proposal

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

There being no further business, a motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.