

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 18, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on March 18, 2019, 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 Associate Director Tommy Whittle.

Roll call by Media Director Steve Figueroa showed the following: Present - 9; Absent - 1 (indicated by "A" below)

Gary Long
Steven Craft

Curt Miller
Jim Finch - A

Joe Lancaster
Jasper Jewell

Jesse Crews
Michelle Masters

Glenn White
Lisa Moore Williams

Motion by Craft, second by Crews, to adopt the agenda.

Motion Passed (unanimously)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Proposal** to revise By-Law 2.74 on page 34 of the Constitution as follows (new wording in *italic*): Coaches, administrators, contest officials or players are not to make comments in the media *or on social media* that are critical of officials and/or their calls in a game. Penalties that could be imposed by the GHSA Executive Director include fines and/or suspensions. (GHSA Office)

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

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

2. **Proposal** to revise By-Law 4.38 on page 43 of the Constitution as follows (new wording in *italic*): For state playoff events that are held at multiple, centralized sites, when venue expenses exceed 45% of the revenue for that day at that site, the GHSA will pay the excess expenses. *For state playoff events hosted by member schools, the school's payment to the GHSA will be waived if the financial report for that event shows a loss, subject to GHSA review.* (GHSA Office)

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

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

3. **Proposal** to amend by-law 4.32 on page 42 of the Constitution by adding the following: "In regions with five (5) or more schools, but with only four (4) schools choosing to play a region schedule in a particular sport, the number of teams going to the state playoffs in that sport shall be the top four (4) seeds." Example: A region with six schools, but only four (4) choosing to play a region schedule in a sport, would be awarded the four automatic playoff berths in that sport. (Region 8, Class 5A)

Motion by Miller, second by Craft, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION to Approve Passed (unanimously)

4. **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. (GHSA Office)

Motion by Miller, second by Crews, to **TABLE** the proposal until the April State Executive Committee meeting.

MOTION to Table Passed (unanimously)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Robin Hines informed the committee of three "Public Input" meetings that have been scheduled for March 27 at Cartersville High School, April 2 at Houston County High School and April 9 at Lowndes High School. All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m., to "give people an opportunity to say what they want to say to the GHSA."

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Williams then asked Dr. Hines if there could be one more meeting scheduled in the Atlanta area and Dr. Hines said he would work something out with Jewell for a meeting at an APS school and send out that date and location when it was set.

Hines discussed the potential expansion of the Board of Trustees, which will be decided by a second vote at the April State Executive Committee meeting, and asked the BOT to begin thinking about possible nominees for the two new at-large positions that would be added.

After some discussion, it was decided that the BOT would seek outside nominations for the expansion positions. Hines asked that any nominations for the new female and private school at-large positions be **sent to him at the GHSA office no later than April 5.**

Jewell then started a discussion about the GHSA fine structure, and Hines went over an ongoing survey of member schools concerning the possibility of adding new sports. Based on the interest being shown, Hines said the GHSA was considering the addition of Girls Flag Football and Bass Fishing as early as the 2020-21 school year.

Hines concluded the report by giving the committee an update of the current legislative session and a legal briefing of issues concerning the GHSA.

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

MOTION Passed (unanimously)