

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES November 27, 2017

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 12:20 p.m., on November 27, 2017, at the GHSA office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Glenn White, President. Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 10; Absent - 0

Gary Long  
Steven Craft

Tommy Stringer  
Jim Finch

Joe Lancaster  
Jasper Jewell

Jesse Crews  
Michelle Masters

Glenn White  
Lisa Moore Williams

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**Motion** was made by Crews, second by Williams to amend the agenda to include the following under New Business: "Proposal to allow all four teams from regions having only four schools to qualify for the state playoffs in all sports."

**Motion Passed** (unanimously)

Motion by Crews, second by Jewell, to adopt the amended agenda.

**Motion Passed** (unanimously)

#### 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.)

**South Gwinnett High School** - Jeff Taylor, AD, presented the appeal for student Joshua Barry, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

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

**MOTION to deny PASSED (unanimously)**

**Tallulah Falls School** - Scott Neal, AD, presented the appeal for student Maja Trbovic, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

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

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**Flowery Branch High School** - Jimmy Lawler, AD, presented an appeal of the Reclassification Committee's decision to deny allowing Flowery Branch to move from Region 7 to Region 8 in Class 4A.

**Motion** by Stringer, second by Finch, to **Approve** the appeal.

**MOTION FAILED 6-4 (Roll Call vote:** Craft, Lancaster, Jewell, Crews, White & Williams voting No; Long, Stringer, Finch & Masters voting Yes)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Committee was asked to ratify the mid-cycle adjustment of the four-year reclassification plan as submitted by the GHSA Reclassification Committee.

**Motion** by Long, second by Crews, to vote on the adjustments as a whole and not class by class.

**MOTION PASSED 6-4** (Lancaster, Finch, Stringer & Masters voting No)

**Motion** by Long, second by Crews, to ratify the mid-cycle adjustments made by the Reclassification Committee.

**MOTION PASSED 6-4** (Lancaster, Finch, Stringer & Masters voting No)

Discussion was then held concerning the item added to the agenda earlier proposing to allow all four teams from regions with only four

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schools to qualify for the state playoffs in all sports.

A **substitute motion** was made by Crews, second by Long, to allow games to be counted with teams higher than Class A when determining power ratings to decide at-large berths in classes with regions containing fewer than five schools.

**Substitute Motion Passed** (unanimously)

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Executive Director Robin Hines addressed the committee on several issues, including going back to six classifications at the next reclassification period, the Board of Trustees expansion, and taking better control of GAOA passes to GHSA events.

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

**Motion Passed** (unanimously)