

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES October 31, 2023

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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 2:00 p.m., on October 31, 2023 by Jim Finch, President, at the GHSA office in Thomaston. A roll call showed the following: (present - 12; absent - 2, indicated with **A**)

Kirk Barton - sub  
Steven Craft  
Kelli Smith  
Jeff Battles

Jasper Jewell  
Brian Montgomery  
Mike Thompson - **A**  
Steve Simpson

Jose Fernandez  
Michelle Masters  
Regina Montgomery - **A**  
Kevin Petroski

Jim Finch  
Curt Miller

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**Motion** by Simpson, second by Craft, to adopt the agenda.

**Motion Passed** (unanimously)

**MOTION** by Craft, second by Jewell, to go into Executive Session. Unanimously approved.

#### APPOINTMENTS:

Ben Sutter, Athletic Director at Roswell High School, presented an appeal of student eligibility for Braden Kramer, asking for a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

**Motion** by Fernandez, second by Masters, to **Approve** the appeal.

**Motion Passed** (8-3, Finch, Simpson and Miller voted no, Craft recused himself)

(**Note:** the presentation was done in Executive Session, but the vote was held in open session.)

Patrick Brooks, attorney for Cook County School System, presented an appeal of a football eligibility ruling and subsequent penalties.

**Motion** by Petroski, second by Simpson, to **Uphold** a fine of \$250 to the school for failing to file eligibility on the student before letting him participate in Spring Football practice.

**Motion Passed** (unanimously)

**Motion** by Craft, second by Finch, to **Deny** the school's appeal of the remaining penalties.

**Motion to Deny Failed** (3-8, Craft, Jewell and Finch voted yes, Smith recused herself)

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines discussed a rolling contract with the NFHS Network.

**MOTION** by Battles, second by Craft, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimously approved.