

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES February 28, 2018

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on February 28, 2018, 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 - 10; Absent - 0

Gary Long
Steven Craft

Curt Miller
Jim Finch

Joe Lancaster
Jasper Jewell

Jesse Crews
Michelle Masters

Glenn White
Lisa Moore Williams

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

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Crews, seconded by Williams, 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.)

Southwest DeKalb High School - Kathy Walton, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Danielle Mattis, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

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

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Jenkins High School - Brittany Cooley, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Bryan Encarnacion Ramierz, requesting a waiver of the eight semester rule.

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

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

SUBMITTED PROPOSALS:

1. **Proposal** to hold an individual state wrestling tournament for girls beginning in 2018-19 school year. This will be an open event for girls in all classifications held in conjunction with the boys Team Traditional state tournament. (GHSA Office)

Motion by Finch, second by Masters, to **Approve** the proposal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

2. **Proposal** to amend By-Law 4.11 (a) on page 49 of the GHSA Constitution as follows:

Delete the wording "The GHSA Executive Committee meetings shall be conducted according to the latest edition of Roberts Rules Of Order except:"

And, in lieu thereof, substitute the wording "The GHSA Executive Committee and Board Of Trustees shall, from time to time, adopt whatever rules of procedure are deemed appropriate. The Chair of the meeting shall be authorized to conduct all such meetings in an orderly fashion subject to any changes in those procedures otherwise adopted by a majority vote of members present and subject to the following:"

Then keep items (1), (2), and (3) as written. (GHSA Office)

Motion by Crews, second by Lancaster, to **Table** the proposal.

MOTION FAILED (6-5 with Long, Masters, Finch, Craft, White and Hines voting "no")

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

MOTION PASSED (6-4 with Crews, Jewell, Lancaster and Williams voting "no")

3. **Proposal** to add item (c) under By-Law 2.96 on page 45 of the GHSA Constitution to read as follows:

"Coaches who are going to coach their own underclass players in an "All-Star" game must report this to the GHSA office. NOTE:

(more)

All provisions of By-Law 1.70 concerning recruiting and undue influence remain in effect. (GHSA Office)

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

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Robin Hines addressed the committee on several issues, including the possible abuse of out-of-season practice restrictions and how to educate the member schools on the four player/one coach rule, the latest GHSA finances, and plans for improvement in procedures for selecting the official crews for football state playoffs in the future. He further discussed and emphasized that there had been no misapplications of rules in the state championship football game between Peach County and Calhoun. Dr. Hines then called on Don Corr to talk about future plans in wrestling, including moving the Dual State Tournament to two high school gyms next season, and Penny Pitts Mitchell, who spoke to the committee about future plans for a Game-Day spirit cheerleading event, an opportunity to get into the e-sports world and plans to add a Competitive Dance event. Dr. Hines also asked Tommy Whittle to address the committee on plans for this year's Lacrosse championships to be held at Kennesaw State University and the possibility of adding a seventh official to crews working playoff football games next season.

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