GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE October 26, 2016

The semiannual meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on October 26, 2016, at the Thomaston-Upson County Civic Center, by Glenn White, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Carror Wright, Associate Director.

Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 65, Absent - 1 (Indicated with "A" below)

Kevin Giddens	Kevin May	Mike Nelson	J.T. Pollock	Tim Barron	Donnie Drew
*Ken Kesselring	Nathan Hand	Tommy Stringer	Tim Adams	JasperJewell	Michelle Masters
*Donnie Griggers	Don Corr	Jeff Battles	Chad Campbell	Bradley Warren	*Jimmy Dorsey
Steve Jones	Stephen Craft	Jim Finch	Horace Dunson	Tim Armstrong	Pat Blenke
Nathan Turner	Geep Cunningham	Wade Marchman	*Maria Bradley	John Pinson	Tony Arasi
Gary Long	Chris Brown	Henry Laws	Jeff Cooper	Jesse Crews	WesTaylor
Kirk Barton	David Shields	Chip Walker	Joe Lancaster - A	Britt Ingle	Todd Mobley
Mike Cammack	Kelly Taylor	Britt Adams	Paul Stokes	Glenn Tidwell	*Craig Davis
Kevin Kinsler	Curt Miller	*Tommy Marshall	*Dawn Odom	Ruth Donahoo	Lucia Norwood
Earl Etheridge	Phil McCrary	Frank Barden	Benjy Rogers	Justin Brown	Glenn White
Garrett Black	Carter Wilson	Harley Calhoun	Marvin Fields	Steve Simpson	Lisa Moore Williams

^{*} indicates substitute representative

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

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Jesse Crews, seconded by Earl Etheridge, 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.)

<u>Rutland High School</u> - Mark Daniel, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Ethan Rutland, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

Motion by Tommy Stringer, second by Jim Finch, to **deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

<u>Riverside Military Academy</u> - Marc Paglia, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Samuel Britton, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

Motion by Kevin Giddens, second by Jesse Crews, to **deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

<u>Stone Moutain High School</u> - Doug Dakin, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Azarius Cole, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

Motion by Horace Dunson, second by Lucia Norwood, to **approve** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (Roll Call Vote #1 - Yes: 35, No: 30)

Yes: Griggers, Jones, Turner, Long, Barton, Cammack, May, Hand, Corr, Craft, Shields, K. Taylor, Miller, McCrary, Wilson, Nelson, Battles, Laws, B. Adams, Marshall, T. Adams, Dunson, Bradley, Odom, Rogers, Fields, Jewell, Warren, Armstrong, Pinson, Donahoo, Blenke, Arasi, Norwood, and Williams. **No:** Giddens, Kesselring, Kinsler,

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Etheridge, Black, Cunningham, C. Brown, Stringer, Finch, Marchman, Walker, Barden, Calhoun, Pollock, Campbell, Cooper, Stokes, Barron, Crews, Ingle, Tidwell, J. Brown, Simpson, Drew, Masters, Dorsey, W. Taylor, Mobley, Davis, and White.

<u>Jones County High School</u> - Barry Veal, Athletic Director, presented the appeal for student Antonio Evans, who had been ruled ineligible as a migrant student.

Motion by Tommy Stringer, second by Kevin Giddens, to **deny** the appeal.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Motion was made by Earl Etheridge, seconded by Jesse Crews, and unanimously approved to come out of Executive Session.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3 by adding new Subparagraph "D" to read as follows:
 - (1) The Board of Trustees shall be authorized and empowered in exigent circumstances, as determined by the President, to exercise the powers of the Executive Committee including, but not limited to, the power to amend the by-laws of the association, and to otherwise make decisions relating to the association and its member schools as otherwise allowed to be made by the Executive Committee under the constitution and by-laws of the association.
 - (2) A majority of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum thereof for the purposes of this Subsection D and action shall be authorized and taken by a majority of the votes cast.
 - (3) The meeting of the Board of Trustees under this section shall be noticed by the Executive Secretary or President by any reasonable means and any meeting of the Board of Trustees may be held electronically. In addition, such vote may be taken by telephone polling of the Board of Trustees by the Executive Director if appropriate in the discretion of the President.
 - (4) Any action taken by the Board of Trustees under this Subsection D shall be subject to affirmation, rejection or modification at the next meeting of the GHSA Executive Committee or thereafter. **Note:** This proposal is a **Constitutional Amendment** and this is the **Second Vote**.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

2. Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3-A and Section 8-A, F & G on Pages 8, 9 and 11 so that the terms of election for the President and Vice President of the GHSA, and all other members of the State Executive Committee, shall coincide with the length of each reclassification cycle instead of the current terms of two (2) years. **Note:** This proposal is a **Constitutional Amendment** and this is the **Second Vote**.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

- 3. Proposal to amend Article IV, Section 3-C on Page 8 to read as follows (changes in italic):
 - (C.) The Board of Trustees reviews pertinent issues relative to the successful operation of the organization. The Board of Trustees reviews the recommendation by the Executive Director concerning the budget, recommends committee appointments, *evaluates* and recommends length of term of contract for the Executive Director. The Board of Trustees recommends the two at-large female representatives to the Executive Committee.

Note: This proposal is a Constitutional Amendment and this is the Second Vote.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

NEW BUSINESS:

The **Baseball Committee** proposes the following modifications (shown in italic) to the new pitch count rule, which was adopted at the August State Executive Committee meeting:

- 1. Maximum Pitches in One Game: Varsity 110; sub-varsity 90.
- 2. Required Rest Periods:

Sub-Varsity		
0 Days		
1 Day		
2 Days		

(more)

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86-110 Pitches 3 Days 65-90 Pitches

Note: A pitcher shall not throw more than 110 pitches (90 for sub-varsity) cumulative over a two-day period, and cannot pitch more than two consecutive days. The rest period is based on the total pitches thrown during a given two-day period.

3 Days

Motion was made by Earl Etheridge, seconded by Steve Simpson, to approve these changes.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

- 3. A pitcher at any level (varsity or sub-varsity) shall be allowed to finish the batter when the pitch count limit is reached during an at bat, but must be replaced immediately when that at-bat ends.
- 4. A "Day of Rest" is defined as a calendar day. Example: a varsity level pitcher who reaches the 110-pitch limit on a Tuesday would not be allowed to pitch again until the following Saturday.
- 5. Tabulation of Pitch Counts This process will be done by a GHSA registered umpire from the host school's assigned local association. This official recorder will be paid a one-half game fee plus travel (similar to the football ECO). It will then be the responsibility of the recorder to enter the pitch count information for each school following the completion of the game in the GHSA MIS system.

Motion was made by Don Corr, seconded by Steven Craft, to modify this section to make it apply to VARSITY games only. **MOTION FAILED (5-60** with Corr, Griggers, Marshall, Shields and Hand voting "Yes")

Motion was made by Jesse Crews, seconded by Steve Simpson, to approve this section as originally written. **MOTION PASSED (58-7** with Dunson, Barron, Bradley, Cooper, Nelson, Shields and Hand voting "No")

- 6. A standard GHSA "Pitch Count Form" will be available for download on the GHSA web site. It will be the responsibility of each school to keep a copy of the completed form for each game played and have those forms available for review at the request of the GHSA office.
- 7. State Tournament The format for all rounds will be a "best-of-three" series with the first two games being played on the first day. During the State Tournament no pitcher shall be allowed to throw more than 120 pitches over a three-game series (unless affected by weather delays).
- 8. If a school is found to have violated any of the provisions of this policy, the offending school shall be fined \$250.00 and the head coach assessed a two-game suspension. Any subsequent violation during the same season will result in penalties being doubled and the head coach being required to meet with the Executive Director prior to being reinstated to coach. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**.

Motion was made by Earl Etheridge, seconded by Steve Simpson, to approve these changes.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

The GHSA Office proposes to reword Section 12, Items "A & B" of the Constitution on page 12 to read as follows:

- A. The State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association shall meet in the spring of each year on such date as may be designated by the State Executive Director.
- B. In addition to this meeting, special meetings may be called by the State President or the Executive Director at any time or place upon giving reasonable notice to the members of the Committee.

Note: This is a Constitutional Amendment and will require **two votes**.

Motion was made by Earl Etheridge, seconded by Kevin Giddens, to approve.

MOTION PASSED (unanimously)

Motion by Jesse Crews, second by Earl Etheridge, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**