

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE November 12, 2019

The Reclassification Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m., on November 12, 2019, at the GHSA office in Thomaston, Georgia, by Glenn White, President, to hear appeals about classification placements.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lisa Moore Williams. The invocation was given by Associate Director Carror Wright. Present - 16; Absent - 0 (shown by "A" below)

Gary Long
Greg Tillery
Earl Etheridge
John Kelly

Dexter Wood
Curt Miller
Jim Finch

Britt Adams
James Jackson
Shawn Peek

Jasper Jewell
Myron Newton
Jesse Crews

Donnie Drew
Glenn White
Lisa Moore Williams

APPOINTMENTS

Woodward Academy - Jose Fernandez, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

Motion by Miller, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Failed 9-7 (Long, Tillery, Kelly, Finch, Adams, Peek, Newton, Crews, White voting no)

Starr's Mill - Allen Leonard, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

Motion by White, second by Finch, to **deny** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

St. Pius X - Todd Mooney, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 6A to 5A

Motion by Williams, second by Adams, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

Greater Atlanta Christian School - Tim Hardy, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 4A to 3A

Motion by Etheridge, second by Wood, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed 14-2 (Finch and Crews voting no)

KIPP Atlanta - Myss Johnson-Jelks, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 4A to 2A

Motion by Wood, second by Miller, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously - Jewell abstained)

North Springs High School - Vince Strine, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 6A to 5A

Motion by Tillery, second by White, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

Blessed Trinity - Ricky Turner, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

Motion by Finch, second by Adams, to **deny** the appeal

MOTION Passed 9-7 (Wood, Miller, Jackson, Peek, Jewell, Newton, Williams voting no)

Calhoun High School - Brock Holley, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

Motion by Crews, second by Miller, to **deny** the appeal

MOTION Passed 12-3 (Etheridge, Wood and Drew voting no; Adams abstained)

Dacula High School - Zach Smith, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 7A to 6A

Motion by White, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

Bryan County High School - Marcy Smith, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to go from 2A to 1A

Motion by Crews, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

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Social Circle High School - Tim Armstrong, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 2A to 1A

Motion by Miller, second by Etheridge, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

Richmond Academy - Jason Medlin, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 4A to 3A

Motion by Finch, second by Etheridge, to **deny** the appeal

MOTION Failed 9-7 (Kelly, Wood, Miller, Adams, Jackson, Peek, Jewell, Newton and Drew voting no)

Chamblee Charter School - Bob Swank, Boys Lacrosse Coach, presented the appeal to go from 6A to 5A

Motion by Tillery, second by Etheridge, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed 10-5 (Long, Finch, Adams, Crews and Williams voting no, Jackson abstaining)

Richmond Hill High School - Mickey Bayens, Athletic Director, presented the appeal to be isolated down to 6A

Motion by Adams, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

Central Macon High School - Emanuel Frazier, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 4A to 3A

Motion by Adams, second by Williams, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

Screven County High School - Brian Scott, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 2A to 1A

Motion by Etheridge, second by Miller, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

Westover High School - William Chunn, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 5A to 4A

Motion by Tillery, second by Jewell, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

Druid Hills High School - Documentation was presented for the appeal to go from 5A to 4A (a school emergency prevented any representation from the school.)

Motion by Etheridge, second by Miller, to **approve** the appeal

MOTION Passed 15-1 (Finch voting no)

Rutland High School - Wendy Pooler, Principal, presented the appeal to go from 3A to 2A

Motion by Adams, second by White, to **deny** the appeal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

After much discussion, Crews made a **motion** and received a second from Etheridge to vote on all the schools requesting to play up from Class A into Class 2A as a group.

MOTION Passed 15-1 (Jewell voting no)

Motion by Crews, second by White, to **deny** the requests of all schools wanting to move up from 1A to 2A

MOTION Passed 15-1 (Jewell voting no)

Motion by Peek, second by White, to **approve** the requests of all schools in the other classes asking to play up

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

The committee then reviewed the proposed **region alignments** submitted by the GHSA office.

Motion by White, second by Crews, to **approve** the proposal

MOTION Passed (unanimously)

SEE ATTACHMENT OF THE REGION ALIGNMENTS

NOTE: The committee set the next meeting for Tuesday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m., in the GHSA office. Appeals for schools wishing a lateral transfer will be heard at that meeting along with any appeals from schools whose request to move up from 1A to 2A was denied.

AAAAAAA (45)

1-AAAAAAA (4)

Camden County
Colquitt County
Lowndes
Tift County

2-AAAAAAA (5)

Campbell
East Coweta
McEachern
Newnan
Pebblebrook

3-AAAAAAA (6)

Harrison
Hillgrove
Marietta
North Cobb
North Paulding
Walton

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4-AAAAAAA (6)

Brookwood
Grayson
Newton
Parkview
Shiloh
South Gwinnett

5-AAAAAAA (6)

Alpharetta
Cherokee
Etowah
Milton
Roswell
Woodstock

6-AAAAAAA (6)

Forsyth Central
Gainesville
Lambert
North Forsyth
South Forsyth
West Forsyth

7-AAAAAAA (6)

Archer
Berkmar
Discovery
Dunwoody
Meadowcreek
Norcross

8-AAAAAAA (6)

Collins Hill
Duluth
Mill Creek
Mountain View
North Gwinnett
Peachtree Ridge

AAAAAA (56)

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1-AAAAAA (4)

Houston County
Lee County
Northside, Warner Robins
Valdosta

2-AAAAAA (7)

Bradwell Institute
Brunswick
Effingham County
Glynn Academy
Richmond Hill
South Effingham
Statesboro

3-AAAAAA (6)

Alcovy
Evans
Grovetown
Heritage, Conyers
Lakeside, Evans
Rockdale County

4-AAAAAA (7)

Hughes
Lakeside, DeKalb
Lovejoy
Morrow
North Atlanta
Tucker
Westlake

5-AAAAAA (8)

Alexander
Carrollton
Dalton
Douglas County
East Paulding
Paulding County
Rome
South Paulding

6-AAAAAA (9)

Allatoona
Kell
Kennesaw Mountain
Lassiter
Osborne
Pope
South Cobb
Sprayberry
Wheeler

7-AAAAAA (8)

Cambridge
Centennial
Chattahoochee
Creekview
Johns Creek
River Ridge
Riverwood
Sequoyah

8-AAAAAA (7)

Buford
Central Gwinnett
Dacula
Denmark
Habersham Central
Lanier
Winder-Barrow

AAAAA (59)

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1-AAAAA (5)

Coffee
Veterans
Ware County
Warner Robins
Wayne County

2-AAAAA (7)

Griffin
Harris County
McIntosh
Northgate
Northside, Columbus
Starr's Mill
Whitewater

3-AAAAA (8)

Banneker
Creekside
Drew
Forest Park
Jonesboro
Mundy's Mill
Tri-Cities
Woodward Academy

4-AAAAA (8)

Dutchtown
Eagle's Landing
Jones County
Locust Grove
Ola
Stockbridge
Union Grove
Woodland, Stockbridge

5-AAAAA (9)

Chamblee
Clarkston
Cross Keys
Decatur
Lithonia
M. L. King
Southwest DeKalb
St. Pius X
Stone Mountain

6-AAAAA (7)

Chapel Hill
Grady
Jackson, Atlanta
Lithia Springs
New Manchester
North Springs
Villa Rica

7-AAAAA (7)

Blessed Trinity
Calhoun
Cartersville
Cass
Hiram
Northview
Woodland, Cartersville

8-AAAAA (8)

Apalachee
Clarke Central
Eastside
Greenbrier
Jackson County
Johnson, Gainesville
Loganville
Walnut Grove

AAAA (53)

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1-AAAA (6)

Bainbridge
Cairo
Dougherty
Monroe
Thomas County Central
Westover

2-AAAA (9)

Carver, Columbus
Columbus
Hardaway
Jordan
Kendrick
LaGrange
Shaw
Spencer
Troup County

3-AAAA (5)

Benedictine
Burke County
Islands
Jenkins
New Hampstead

4-AAAA (5)

Baldwin
Howard
Perry
Spalding
West Laurens

5-AAAA (7)

Fayette County
Hampton
Luella
McDonough
Mt. Zion, Jonesboro
North Clayton
Riverdale

6-AAAA (7)

Arabia Mountain
Druid Hills
Hapeville
Marist
Mays
Miller Grove
Stephenson

7-AAAA (7)

Cedartown
Central, Carroll
Heritage, Catoosa
Northwest Whitfield
Pickens
Ridgeland
Southeast Whitfield

8-AAAA (7)

Cedar Shoals
Chestatee
East Hall
Flowery Branch
Jefferson
Madison County
North Oconee

AAA (60)

1-AAA (6)

Appling County
Brantley County
Liberty County
Long County
Pierce County
Tattnall County

2-AAA (10)

Americus-Sumter
Central, Macon
Crisp County
Jackson
Mary Persons
Peach County
Pike County
Rutland
Upson-Lee
Westside, Macon

3-AAA (7)

Beach
Groves
Johnson, Savannah
Savannah
Savannah Arts Academy*
Southeast Bulloch
Windsor Forest

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4-AAA (7)

Cross Creek
Harlem
Hephzibah
Morgan County
Richmond Academy
Thomson
Westside, Augusta

5-AAA (8)

Carver, Atlanta
Cedar Grove
Douglass, Atlanta
Greater Atlanta Christian
Redan
Salem
Sandy Creek
Westminster

6-AAA (9)

Adairsville
Coahulla Creek
LaFayette
Lakeview-Ft. Oglethorpe
Murray County
North Murray
Ringgold
Rockmart
Sonoraville

7-AAA (7)

Cherokee Bluff
Dawson County
Gilmer
Lumpkin County
North Hall
West Hall
White County

8-AAA (6)

East Jackson
Franklin County
Hart County
Monroe Area
Oconee County
Stephens County

AA (53)

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1-AA (6)

Berrien
Cook
Early County
Fitzgerald
Thomasville
Worth County

2-AA (7)

Bacon County
East Laurens
Jeff Davis
Swainsboro
Toombs County
Vidalia
Woodville-Tompkins*

3-AA (7)

Bleckley County
Dodge County
Lamar County
Monticello
Northeast
Southwest
Washington County

4-AA (6)

Butler
Glenn Hills
Jefferson County
Josey
Laney
Putnam County

5-AA (5)

Bremen
Callaway
Haralson County
Heard County
Temple

6-AA (9)

Columbia
KIPP Atlanta Collegiate
Lovett
McNair
South Atlanta
Stilwell Arts*
Therrell
Towers
Washington

7-AA (6)

Chattooga
Coosa
Dade County
Gordon Central
Model
Pepperell

8-AA (7)

Banks County
Elbert County
Fannin County
Oglethorpe County
Rabun County
Riverside Military
Union County

A Public (88)

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1-A Public (13)

Baconton
Baker County*
Brooks County
Calhoun County
Miller County
Mitchell County
Pataula Charter
Pelham
Quitman County*
Randolph-Clay
Seminole County
Terrell County
Webster County*

2-A Public (8)

Atkinson County
Charlton County
Clinch County
Echols County*
Irwin County
Lanier County
McIntosh County Academy
Turner County

3-A Public (13)

Bryan County
Claxton
Emanuel County Institute
Jenkins County
Johnson County
Metter
Montgomery County
Portal
Savannah Classical Academy*
Savannah Early College*
Screven County
Steam Academy*
Trentlen

4-A Public (7)

Dooly County
Dublin
Hawkinsville
Telfair County
Twiggs County
Wheeler County
Wilcox County

5-A Public (11)

Central, Talbotton
Chattahoochee County
Furlow Charter*
Greenville
Macon County
Manchester
Marion County
Rainey-McCullers*
Schley County
Stewart County
Taylor County

6-A Public (14)

Armuchee
Atlanta Classical*
B.E.S.T Academy
Bowdon
Coretta Scott King Academy*
DeKalb School of the Arts*
Drew Charter School*
Elite Scholars Academy*
Fulton Leadership Academy*
Georgia School for Deaf*
Gordon Lee
Morris Innovative*
Mt. Zion, Carroll
Trion

7-A Public (9)

ACE Charter
Crawford County
Georgia Academy for Blind*
Georgia Military College
Glascok County
GSIC*
Hancock Central
Taliaferro County*
Wilkinson County

8-A Public (13)

Barrow*
Commerce
Davidson Fine Arts*
Greene County
Johnson, Augusta*
Lake Oconee Academy*
Lincoln County
Social Circle
Technical Career Magnet*
Towns County
Warren County
Washington-Wilkes
Woody Gap*

A Private (54)

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1-A Private (6)

Deerfield-Windsor
First Presbyterian
Mount de Sales Academy
Stratford Academy
Strong Rock Christian
Tattnall Square Academy

2-A Private (10)

Atlanta Jewish Academy*
Ben Franklin Academy*
Eagle's Landing Christian
Greenforest Christian*
Landmark Christian
Our Lady of Mercy
Paideia*
Southwest Atlanta Christian*
W. D. Mohammed*
Whitefield Academy

3-A Private (5)

Aquinas
Calvary Day School
Savannah Christian
Savannah Country Day
St. Vincent's Academy*

4-A Private (4)

Brookstone
Heritage, Newnan
St. Anne-Pacelli
Trinity Christian

5-A Private (10)

Atlanta International*
Galloway*
Hebron Christian Academy
Holy Innocents'
Mount Vernon
Mt. Pisgah Christian
Pace Academy
Providence Christian
Weber School*
Wesleyan

6-A Private (7)

Brandon Hall*
Fellowship Christian
King's Ridge
Lakeview Academy
Mt. Bethel Christian*
Pinecrest Academy
St. Francis

7-A Private (6)

Christian Heritage
Darlington
Excel Christian*
Mt. Paran Christian
North Cobb Christian
Walker

8-A Private (6)

Athens Academy
Athens Christian
George Walton Academy
Loganville Christian
Prince Avenue Christian
Tallulah Falls*

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