

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

RECLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE November 19, 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

APPOINTMENTS

Christian Heritage School - Chad Jordan, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (White abstained)

Coretta Scott King High Academy - Vernise Harris-Hill, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Jewell abstained)

Darlington School - Eddie Guth, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (White abstained)

Davidson Fine Arts - George Bailey, AD Richmond County Schools, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Newton abstained)

Elite Scholars Academy - Shonda Shaw, Principal, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Holy Innocents' Episcopal School - Tony Watkins, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Johnson-Augusta - George Bailey, AD Richmond County Schools, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Newton abstained)

Pace Academy - Fred Assaf, Headmaster, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Technical Career Magnet - George Bailey, AD Richmond County Schools, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Newton abstained)

Wesleyan School - Marc Khedouri, AD, presented the appeal to go from Class A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 12-3-1 (Long, Etheridge, Wood voted no; Jewell abstained)

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Westside-Augusta High School - Williams Smith, Principal, presented the appeal to go from Class 3A to Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Wayne County High School - Jay Brinson, Superintendent Wayne County Schools, presented the appeal for isolation

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Etheridge abstained)

Burke County High School - Wade Marchman, AD, presented the appeal for isolation

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Etheridge abstained)

Brooks County High School - Charles Perry, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 1 to Region 2 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Crews abstained)

McIntosh County Academy - Chris Wolski, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 2 to Region 3 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Johnson County High School - Don Norton, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 4 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Montgomery County High School - Tim Suttles, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 4 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

ELCA - Doug Campbell, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 2 to Region 1 or Region 5 in A-Private

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Miller abstained)

Treutlen High School - Steve Versprille, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 4 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Twiggs County High School - Elgin Dixon, Superintendent, presented the appeal to move from Region 4 to Region 7 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Central-Talbotton - Cedric Stegall, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 7 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Dalton High School - Steve Bartoo, Principal, presented the appeal for isolation

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Adams abstained)

Dalton High School - Steve Bartoo, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in Class 6A

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

MOTION Failed 8-7-1 (Long, Tillery, Etheridge, Kelly, Miller, Jewell, White and Moore voted no ;Adams abstained)

Warren County High School - Carole Jean Carey, Superintendent, presented the appeal to move from Region 8 to 7 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Mt. Pisgah School - Ryan Livezey, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in A-Private

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

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Northview High School - Brian Downey, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 7 to Region 5 in Class 5A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Woodward Academy - Jose Fernandez, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 2 in Class 5A

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

MOTION Passed 14-2 (Jewell and Wood voted no)

Denmark High School - Nathan Turner, AD, presented the appeal to move from Class 6A to Class 7A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Fannin County High School - Eric Cioffi, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 8 to Region 7 in Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 13-1-2 (Long voted no; Finch and White abstained)

Shiloh High School - Robert Wilson, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 4 to Region 7 in Class 7A

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

MOTION Passed 12-4 (Moore, Jewell, Jackson and Newton voted no)

Oglethorpe County High School - Bill Sampson, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 8 to Region 4 in Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed 15-1 (Newton voted no)

Washington County High School - Tyrone Gonder, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 3 to Region 4 in Class 2A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Turner County High School - Chris Wade, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 2 to Region 4 in A-Public

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

MOTION Passed 14-1-1 (Tillery voted no; Crews abstained)

The Weber School - Scott Seagraves, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in A-Private

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Duluth High School - Eric Davidson, Principal, presented the appeal to move from Region 8 to Region 7 in Class 7A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Long abstained)

Hebron Christian Academy - Taylor Davis, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 or 8 in Class A-Private

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

MOTION Passed 9-7 (Jewell, Peek, Etheridge, Wood, Miller, Kelly and Jackson voted no)

Ware County High School - David Shields, AD, presented the appeal for isolation

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

MOTION Passed 11-5 (Wood, Jewell, Crews, Etheridge and Miller voted no)

Salem High School - Jarrett Laws, Football Coach, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 8 in Class 3A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Liberty County High School - Kirk Warner, Football Coach, presented the appeal to move from Region 1 to Region 3 in Class 3A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Alpharetta High School - Dustin Rennspies, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 5 to Region 6 in Class 7A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

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Newton High School - Vincent Byams, AD, presented the appeal to move from Region 4 to Region 7 in Class 7A

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

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

Rutland High School - Barney Hester, Bibb County AD, presented the appeal to move from Class 3A to Class 4A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Finch abstained)

Westside-Macon High School - Barney Hester, Bibb County AD, presented the appeal to move from Class 3A to Class 4A

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

MOTION Passed 15-0-1 (Finch abstained)

The committee discussed mandating cross-over football games in Class 1A-Private, but tabled the issue for more study.

Motion by White, second by Moore, to **adjourn** the meeting

MOTION Passed (unanimous)

NOTE: The new region alignments after the approved changes follow these minutes

AAAAAAA (46)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

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

4-AAAAAAA (6)

Brookwood
Grayson
Newton
Parkview
Shiloh
South Gwinnett

5-AAAAAAA (6)

Alpharetta
Cherokee
Etowah
Milton
Roswell
Woodstock

6-AAAAAAA (7)

Denmark
Forsyth Central
Gainesville
Lambert
North Forsyth
South Forsyth
West Forsyth

7-AAAAAAA (7)

Archer
Berkmar
Discovery
Duluth
Dunwoody
Meadowcreek
Norcross

8-AAAAAAA (5)

Collins Hill
Mill Creek
Mountain View
North Gwinnett
Peachtree Ridge

AAAAAA (55)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (6)

Buford
Central Gwinnett
Dacula
Habersham Central
Lanier
Winder-Barrow

AAAAA (59)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (10)

Chamblee
Clarkston
Cross Keys
Decatur
Lithonia
M. L. King
Northview
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 (6)

Blessed Trinity
Calhoun
Cartersville
Cass
Hiram
Woodland, Cartersville

8-AAAAA (8)

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

AAAA (54)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (4)

Benedictine
Islands
Jenkins
New Hampstead

4-AAAA (7)

Baldwin
Howard
Perry
Rutland
Spalding
West Laurens
Westside, Macon

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 (58)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

1-AAA (5)

Appling County
Brantley County
Long County
Pierce County
Tattnall County

2-AAA (8)

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

3-AAA (8)

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

4-AAA (7)

Burke County
Cross Creek
Harlem
Hephzibah
Morgan County
Richmond Academy
Thomson

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 (60)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (11)

Butler
Davidson Fine Arts*
Glenn Hills
Jefferson County
Johnson, Augusta*
Josey
Laney
Oglethorpe County
Putnam County
Technical Career Magnet*
Westside, Augusta

5-AA (5)

Bremen
Callaway
Haralson County
Heard County
Temple

6-AA (12)

Columbia
Coretta Scott King Academy*
Elite Scholars Academy*
KIPP Atlanta Collegiate
Lovett
McNair
Pace Academy
South Atlanta
Stilwell Arts*
Therrell
Towers
Washington

7-AA (7)

Chattooga
Coosa
Dade County
Fannin County
Gordon Central
Model
Pepperell

8-AA (5)

Banks County
Elbert County
Rabun County
Riverside Military
Union County

A Public (83)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (7)

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

3-A Public (11)

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

4-A Public (9)

Dooly County
Dublin
Hawkinsville
Johnson County
Montgomery County
Telfair County
Trenton
Wheeler County
Wilcox County

5-A Public (11)

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

6-A Public (12)

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

7-A Public (11)

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

8-A Public (9)

Barrow*
Commerce
Greene County
Lake Oconee Academy*
Lincoln County
Social Circle
Towns County
Washington-Wilkes
Woody Gap*

A Private (53)

(* Schools Not Playing Football)

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 (7)

Atlanta International*
Galloway*
Hebron Christian Academy
Holy Innocents'
Mount Vernon
Providence Christian
Wesleyan

6-A Private (9)

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

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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