

# GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE January 14, 2014

A special called meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Georgia High School Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on January 14, 2013, at the Macon Marriott City Center in Macon, Georgia, by Dr. Gary Holmes, President.

The invocation was given by Dr. Ralph Swearngin, Executive Director.

Roll call by Steve Figueroa, Media Director, showed the following: Present - 58 Absent - 0

Kevin Giddens	Earl Etheridge	David Brooks	Dexter Wood	Alan Ingram	Lisa Williams
Kirk Hoffman	Mike Davis	Jasper Jewell	Joe Lancaster	Jesse Crews	Pat Blenke
Evan Horton	Don Breedlove	Craig Parrott	Todd Mobley	Britt Ingle	Tony Arasi
Donnie Griggers	Phil McCrary	Tracy Sanford	Michael Thompson	Glenn Tidwell	Bill Truby
Steve Jones	Don Corr	J.T. Pollock	Marvin Fields	Scott Queen	Rudy Hampton
Milo Mathis	Tommy Stringer	Chad Campbell	Benjy Rogers	Bob Stinchcomb	Chuck Miller
Gary Long	Wayne Tootle	J.B. Arnold	Greg Oglesby	Larry Campbell	Lucia Norwood
Dave Hunter	Jim Finch	Jeff Beggs	Rusty Hudson	Donnie Drew	Gary Holmes
Kevin Dowling	Steve Nobles	Bruce Potts	Glenn White	Maria Bradley	Walter Wade
Michelle Masters	Eddie Payne	Carter Wilson	Jim Hughes		

### APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Jesse Crews, seconded by Wayne Tootle, and unanimously approved to go into Executive Session to hear student eligibility appeals. (**NOTE:** Presentations were made in Executive Session; all votes were taken while not in Executive Session. For clarity, outcome of vote is given after each statement of presentation.)

**Thomasville High School** - Todd Mobley, P, presented the appeal for student Ferrell Tyndall, requesting a waiver of the transfer eligibility rule.

**Motion** by Earl Etheridge, second by Jesse Crews, to grant the appeal.

**MOTION PASSED (Roll Call Vote #1 - Yes: 43, No: 6, Abstain: 9)**

**Yes:** Giddens, Hoffman, Horton, Griggers, Jones, Long, Hunter, Dowling, Etheridge, Davis, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Tootle, Nobles, Payne, Brooks, Jewell, Parrott, Pollock, Arnold, Beggs, Wilson, Wood, Lancaster, Thompson, Fields, Rogers, Oglesby, White, Hughes, Crews, Ingle, Tidwell, Queen, Stinchcomb, Drew, Bradley, Williams, Arasi, Truby, Miller, Norwood. **No:** Masters, Finch, Sanford, C. Campbell, Blenke, Hampton. **Abstain:** Mathis, Stringer, Potts, Mobley, Hudson, Ingram, L. Campbell, Holmes, Wade.

**McIntosh County Academy** - Scott Barrow, AP, presented the appeal for student Ben Cummings, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

**Motion** by Tommy Stringer, second by Lisa Maria Bradley, to grant the appeal.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**North Gwinnett High School** - Grady York, AD, presented the appeal for student Angel Diaz, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

**Motion** by Mike Davis, second by Bob Stinchcomb, to grant the appeal.

**MOTION PASSED (Roll Call Vote #2 - Yes: 37, No: 18, Abstain: 3)**

**Yes:** Griggers, Mathis, Dowling, Masters, Etheridge, Davis, Tootle, Nobles, Payne, Jewell, Parrott, Pollock, Arnold, Beggs, Potts, Wilson, Wood, Lancaster, Thompson, Fields, Rogers, Oglesby, Hudson, Hughes, Ingram, Crews, Ingle, Tidwell, Queen, Stinchcomb, Bradley, Williams, Blenke, Arasi, Truby, Miller, Norwood. **No:** Giddens, Hoffman, Horton, Jones, Hunter, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Stringer, Finch, Brooks, Sanford, C. Campbell, White, L. Campbell, Drew, Hampton, Wade. **Abstain:** Long, Mobley, Holmes.

**Woodward Academy** - Pete Fritts, wrestling coach, presented the appeal for student Richard Wang, requesting a waiver of the eight-semester rule.

**Motion** by Earl Etheridge, second by J.B. Arnold, to deny the appeal .

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**Thomas County Central High School** - George Lilly, school board attorney, presented the appeal, requesting that the school be allowed to play all sports in Region 1-AAAA.

**Motion** by Wayne Tootle, second by Earl Etheridge, to deny the appeal.

**MOTION FAILED (Roll Call Vote #3 - Yes: 13, No: 31, Abstain: 14)**

**Yes:** Mathis, Finch, Nobles, Pollock, C. Campbell, Arnold, Wilson, Wood, Thompson, Rogers, Hughes, Ingle, Tidwell. **No:** Hoffman, Horton, Griggers, Jones, Long, Dowling, Masters, Davis, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Payne, Jewell, Parrott, Sanford, Beggs, Lancaster, Fields, Oblesby, Hudson, Ingram, Queen, Stinchcomb, Bradley, Williams, Blenke, Arasi, Truby, Hampton, Miller, Norwood. **Abstain:** Giddens, Hunter, Etheridge, Stringer, Tootle, Brooks, Potts, Mobley, White, Crews, L. Campbell, Drew, Holmes, Wade.

**Motion** by Pat Blenke, second by Bill Truby, to grant the appeal.

**MOTION PASSED (Roll Call Vote #4 - Yes: 32, No: 13, Abstain: 13)**

**Yes:** Hoffman, Horton, Griggers, Jones, Long, Dowling, Masters, Davis, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Payne, Jewell, Parrott, Sanford, Beggs, Wilson, Lancaster, Fields, Oblesby, Hudson, Ingram, Queen, Stinchcomb, Bradley, Williams, Blenke, Arasi, Truby, Hampton, Miller, Norwood. **No:** Mathis, Finch, Nobles, Pollock, C. Campbell, Arnold, Wood, Thompson, Rogers, Hughes, Ingle, Tidwell, L. Campbell. **Abstain:** Giddens, Hunter, Etheridge, Stringer, Tootle, Brooks, Potts, Mobley, White, Crews, Drew, Holmes, Wade.

**Cook High School** - Keith Croft, P, presented the appeal, requesting that the school be allowed to play football in Region 1-AAA.

**Motion** by Jesse Crews, second by Walter Wade, to deny the appeal.

**MOTION FAILED (Roll Call Vote #5 - Yes: 6, No: 38, Abstain: 14)**

**Yes:** Davis, Pollock, C. Campbell, Arnold, Thompson, Ingle. **No:** Hoffman, Horton, Jones, Mathis, Long, Dowling, Masters, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Finch, Nobles, Payne, Jewell, Parrott, Sanford, Beggs, Wilson, Wood, Lancaster, Fields, Rogers, Oglesby, Hudson, Hughes, Ingram, Tidwell, Queen, Stinchcomb, L. Campbell, Bradley, Williams, Blenke, Arasi, Truby, Hampton, Miller, Norwood. **Abstain:** Giddens, Griggers, Hunter, Etheridge, Stringer, Tootle, Brooks, Potts, Mobley, White, Crews, Drew, Holmes, Wade.

**Motion** by Earl Etheridge, second by Wayne Tootle, to grant the appeal.

**MOTION PASSED (Roll Call Vote #6 - Yes: 40, No: 5, Abstain: 13)**

**Yes:** Hoffman, Horton, Griggers, Jones, Mathis, Long, Dowling, Masters, Davis, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Finch, Nobles, Payne, Jewell, Parrott, Sanford, Beggs, Wilson, Wood, Lancaster, Fields, Rogers, Oglesby, Hudson, Hughes, Ingram, Tidwell, Queen, Stinchcomb, L. Campbell, Bradley, Williams, Blenke, Arasi, Truby, Hampton, Miller, Norwood. **No:** Pollock, C. Campbell, Arnold, Thompson, Ingle. **Abstain:** Giddens, Hunter, Etheridge, Stringer, Tootle, Brooks, Potts, Mobley, White, Crews, Drew, Holmes, Wade.

**Pike County High School** - Mike Duncan, Superintendent, and Mark Andrews, AD, presented the appeal, requesting that the school be allowed to move from Region 5-AAAA to Region 4-AAAA.

**Motion** by Jeff Beggs, second by Larry Campbell, to grant the appeal.

**MOTION PASSED (Roll Call Vote #7 - Yes: 40, No: 4, Abstain: 14)**

**Yes:** Hoffman, Horton, Griggers, Jones, Mathis, Dowling, Masters, Davis, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Nobles, Payne, Jewell, Parrott, Sanford, Pollock, C. Campbell, Beggs, Wilson, Wood, Lancaster, Thompson, Fields, Rogers, Oglesby, Hudson, Ingram, Tidwell, Queen, Stinchcomb, L. Campbell, Bradley, Williams, Blenke, Arasi, Truby, Hampton, Miller, Norwood. **No:** Long, Finch, Hughes, Ingle. **Abstain:** Giddens, Hunter, Etheridge, Stringer, Tootle, Brooks, Arnold, Potts, Mobley, White, Crews, Drew, Holmes, Wade.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*(Committee reports constitute motions by Chairman of the Committee, no seconds are required.)*

### **RECLASSIFICATION:**

Report presented by Earl Etheridge

The Committee **RECOMMENDED:**

1. The ratification of Class AAAAAA as presented.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

2. The ratification of Class AAAAA as presented (after Thomas County Central's appeal was granted).

**Motion** by Dave Hunter, second by J.B. Arnold, to move Bainbridge to 1-AAAA for all sports with the school's approval.

**MOTION PASSED (57-1)**

**No:** Crews.

**Motion** by Keith Dowling, second by Pat Blenke, to allow Lee County to play football in AAAAA.

**MOTION FAILED (Roll Call Vote #8 - Yes: 17, No: 40, Abstain: 1)**

**Yes:** Griggers, Hunter, Dowling, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Sanford, Pollock, Oglesby, Hughes, Ingram, Williams, Blenke, Arasi, Truby, Hampton, Miller. **No:** Giddens, Hoffman, Horton, Jones, Mathis, Long, Masters, Etheridge, Davis, Stringer, Tootle, Finch, Nobles, Payne, Brooks, Jewell, Parrott, C. Campbell, Arnold, Beggs, Potts, Wilson, Wood, Lancaster, Mobley, Thompson, Fields, Rogers, Hudson, White, Crews, Ingle, Tidwell, Queen, Stinchcomb, L. Campbell, Drew, Bradley, Norwood, Wade. **Abstain:** Holmes.

**Motion** by Phil McCrary, second by Carter Wilson, to move Clarkston from subregion A to subregion B in Region 6-AAAAA.

**MOTION FAILED (Roll Call Vote #9 - Yes: 24, No: 30, Abstain: 4)**

**Yes:** Hoffman, Jones, Mathis, Davis, Breedlove, McCrary, Corr, Nobles, Jewell, Sanford, Arnold, Beggs, Wilson, Wood, Fields, Hudson, Queen, Bradley, Williams, Blenke, Arasi, Truby, Miller, Norwood. **No:** Giddens, Horton, Long, Hunter, Dowling, Masters, Etheridge, Stringer, Tootle, Finch, Payne, Brooks, Parrott, Pollock, C. Campbell, Potts, Mobley, Thompson, Rogers, Oglesby, White, Hughes, Ingram, Crews, Ingle, Tidwell, L. Campbell, Drew, Hampton, Wade. **Abstain:** Griggers, Lancaster, Stinchcomb, Holmes.

Motion to ratify Class AAAAA with changes adopted.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

3. The ratification of Class AAAA as presented (after changes adopted).

**MOTION PASSED (57-1)**

**No:** Brooks.

4. The ratification of Class AAA as presented.

**Motion** by Chad Campbell, second by Larry Campbell, that the Meriweather School Board must inform the GHSA about the possible consolidation of Manchester and Greenville High Schools after the Tuesday board meeting or the new consolidated school will have to play a non-region schedule during the 2014-16 reclassification cycle.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

Motion to ratify Class AAA with changes adopted.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

5. The ratification of Class AA as presented.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

6. The ratification of Class A as presented.

**Motion** by Scott Queen, second by Chuck Miller, to move Whitefield Academy from Region 6A to Region 5A.

**MOTION FAILED (53-5)**

**Yes:** Hunter, Stringer, Brooks, Queen and Truby.

Motion to ratify Class A as presented.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**Motion** by Earl Etheridge, second by Dave Hunter, that the Reclassification Committee and/or the Executive Director shall work with Class A schools in Regions 5-8 to get crossover games for Region 5 schools to get to the 70% provision before official contracts are signed.

**MOTION PASSED (unanimously)**

**GYMNASTICS:**

Report presented by Lucia Norwood

The Committee **RECOMMENDED:**

A proposal to adopt the following preliminary meet qualification changes :

Any team that scores a 96.0 or better during the regular season will automatically qualify for the preliminary meet. An all-around score of 34.00 or better during the regular season will qualify a gymnast for the preliminary meet. An individual score of 8.5 or better during the regular season will qualify a gymnast for the preliminary meet. (NOTE: The scores must be signed by a GHSA certified judge. Only a signed copy by the judge verifying the results of the meet will be accepted.)

**MOTION PASSED (57-1) (Effective Immediately)**

**No:** Mathis.

There being no further business, president Gary Holmes adjourned the meeting.