

North Harrison hires new high school assistant principal; new high school A.D.

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Steve Hatton, 36, a teacher at Clarksville High School (and a 1990 graduate of the school), was hired as the assistant principal at North Harrison High School Wednesday (July 29) in a special meeting regarding personnel.

Hatton was glad to get the job as assistant principal, and said that he has admired the North Harrison community for some time.

"There were other opportunities that I had," Hatton explained about his search for a good fit in school administration. He has unofficially filled in as a building administrator before while at Clarksville, but he is now in his first official administrative position.

"I've always had a great respect for the North Harrison community schools," he explained. "As a kid growing up, I've always admired the North Harrison system from afar; just how tight knit it is."

Hatton is married to the former Emily Wright (also a graduate of Clarksville High School), and has two elementary school age children. They contemplate moving to the North Harrison School district in the near future, but they are in the process of selling their Jeffersonville home.

"We want to move here as quickly as we can. I wanted a great atmosphere (in which) to raise my kids," Hatton said. Also, his wife Emily is an assistant principal at Highland Hills Middle School, near Galena. A move to the North Harrison High School district would make her commute closer as well.

"I'm just excited to be here, and ready to make a positive impact in the school and the community," Hatton said.

The new North Harrison High School Athletics Director will be Nate Miller, 47, and he will be full time in his new position. Miller will no longer teach horticulture, where he has taught for several years.

Miller expects that the job will keep him busy. He was the 7th and 8th grade athletics director at North Harrison Middle School, but in the high school, every sport that the IHSAA sanctions (except wrestling and gymnastics) is offered. In recent years, North Harrison has started to offer soccer for both boys and girls, and swimming for both boys and girls.

"We'll see (how it goes)," Miller said Sunday evening. "I think it'll be exciting. It's a lot of work."

Miller comes from a background in athletics. He and his brothers played basketball, baseball, and Nate also played football, which was a new sport when he was in high school. He also had a sister Kelly who played basketball. His son Chad and daughter Tara were standouts in basketball at North Harrison earlier this decade. Several nephews have starred for North Harrison in both basketball and baseball.

In other business, the board:

- Hired Deborah Zehnder as a Spanish teacher at the high school.
- Hired Jessica Jones as the Vocational Agriculture teacher at the high school. Her primary responsibility will be in Horticulture.
- Hired Jennifer Coffman-Kintner as a 2nd grade teacher at Morgan Elementary School.
- Appointed as coaches the following: Rick Gunter and Gary Fessel as assistant football coaches; Wes Briscoe as varsity volleyball coach; Cheri Stephenson as junior varsity volleyball coach; Christina Crecelius as freshman volleyball coach.
- Hired Donna Black as a corporation bus driver for Route 19.
- Accepted the resignation of Spanish teacher Willa Goebel-Kildsig. Join St. Mary of the Knobs to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in style! Their 4th Annual Reverse Raffle is set for Friday,

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