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There's been a change of plans as far as hiring a new varsity boys' basketball coach for the Austin Eagles program this fall.

Scott School District 1 board members approved the hiring of a coach who had applied for the job, but that individual, Grant Peters, turned down the coaching position and a high school teaching job. Peters will instead be heading to another school, where he will serve as assistant principal.

Peters and Austin Lady Eagles varsity coach Jared Petersen were both approved for three-year coaching contracts. The three-year agreement stays intact for Coach Petersen.

Three District 1 staff members have retired this spring.

Retirees include David Gray, a counselor at Austin Middle School, and Dan and Shirley Deaton. Dan Deaton served as the district's parent coordinator in recent years but has also taught and coached over his 40 years with District 1. Shirley Deaton has been employed for 20 years by the local school system and has been a teacher's aide, a bus driver and pool aide.

Gray was employed for 27 years and also taught and coached during his career.

One resignation has been accepted by the Scott School District 1 board. Rick Kilburn resigned as school board attorney, a position he has held for many years.

Several fall coaches have been approved. Jared Petersen will continue as boys' varsity tennis coach; Johnny Johnson will coach boys' and girls' cross country.

Brandon Stagnolia will coach soccer. His assistant will be Julie Conner. Matt and Jessica Craig will coach volleyball. Lynette Colwell will be their assistant.