

Comal Independent School District

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CISD superintendent to make recommendation for CHS coaching position at January board meeting

At the regular January school board meeting to be held Thursday, Jan. 28, Comal ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Walker will recommend Southwest ISD's athletic director and head football coach of Southwest High School Matt Elliott for the head football/athletic coordinator position at Canyon High School for the board's approval.

More than 130 applicants were reviewed for the position which was opened in December, and Comal ISD Athletic Director Jim Rodrigue said he knows Elliott is the coach for the job.

"I believe Matt's coaching style will fit the needs of the student athletes at Canyon High School," Rodrigue said. "He has worked with a variety of programs, students and staff, and I think he will be a great asset to our campus and program."

Elliott has served as a head football coach for seven years. Prior to his four-year head coaching stint at Southwest High School, Elliott spent his first three years as a head coach at Springtown High School in Springtown, Texas from 2003 to 2006. Elliott's record as a head coach includes 57 wins to only 22 losses, four district championships, five playoff appearances, five playoff wins and zero losing seasons.

"Based on Matt's history as a head football coach, I think we can expect that he will generate the maximum potential and talent of our football players at Canyon," said Rodrigue.

Before taking the head coaching position at Springtown, Elliott served as the high school's offensive coordinator and middle school athletic coordinator for a year. From 1998 to 2002, Elliot was the assistant head football coach at Lake View High School in San Angelo, Texas and also served as the school's defensive coordinator for a year and the offensive coordinator for a year between 1994 and 1997. Leaving Lake View for a

year before returning as the assistant head coach, Elliott served as the assistant football coach at Alief Elsik High School in Houston from 1997 to 1998. Elliott was also the assistant football coach at Cooper High School in Abilene from 1992 to 1993. In addition to coaching football, Elliott also worked with Alief Elsik's varsity track team as well as the Lake View and Cooper basketball teams.

"Matt is going to fit in with an already outstanding all-sports athletic program we have in place at Canyon," Rodrigue said. "His experience with a variety of sports at several different Texas high schools will serve our students and staff well at Canyon, and we're looking forward to what he will achieve for our entire athletic program."

After graduating from Vernon High School in Vernon, Texas, Elliott attended Cisco Junior College in Cisco, Texas before receiving his bachelor and master's degrees from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas.

Elliott and his wife LuAn, who is currently a diagnostician for Southwest ISD, have two children in elementary school.

"My family and I are excited about the possibility of working with Comal ISD and specifically with the students and staff at Canyon High School," Elliott said. "We look forward to the opportunity of making a positive impact there."

If approved by the board, Elliott will replace Les Davis who served as the head coach/athletic coordinator at Canyon for six years.