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Highland Schools welcomes new Athletic Director



MEDINA, OHIO (6/21/10) – Curt Johansen will join the Highland Local School District as its new Athletic Director, effective August 1, 2010. He replaces Bo Kuntz who recently accepted another position outside of the District. The Board of Education will welcome him during their June 21 regular meeting.

Mr. Johansen has 20 years experience in education and athletics, including an extensive background in coaching. Prior to accepting the position at Highland, he served as the athletic director for two years at Sycamore High School in Illinois. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Grand View College in Des Moines, IA, and his

Masters in School Administration from Drake University, also in Iowa.

“Highland High School has a very strong reputation, both academically and athletically,” stated Mr. Johansen. “I’m excited to become a part of a district that places a high value on both. The previous athletic director did a great job of building the athletic program here and I’m eager to continue on with the traditions that are already in place while strengthening the future of athletics in the Highland Schools.”

As an athletic director, Johansen said that he strives to motivate and inspire athletes and coaches to reach their full potential and makes every effort to meet the needs of all student athletes in the both the classroom and on the playing fields. “I believe in being fair and consistent in managing athletes and coaches,” he said.

Superintendent Catherine Aukerman said that she and the Highland Administration are confident that Mr. Johansen’s experience both in the classroom and as a coach will be a great benefit to the District. “Curt was chosen from a large pool of highly qualified candidates. His extensive coaching and teaching experience and his overall philosophy with student athletes, as well as his management style, will undoubtedly make for a winning combination at Highland.”

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