

Lane ready to lead Lady Cats as head basketball coach



Adrienne Lane was hired as the new head girls basketball coach earlier this month and will take over for Shawn Lowry, who was the head coach for the last seven seasons.

Following the resignation of head coach Shawn Lowry in early February, Adrienne Lane made her way to the bench for the Louisburg girls basketball team to fill in as an assistant coach.

As it turns out, Lane is going to stay there – but in a bigger role.

During the USD 416 Board of Education meeting on March 9, Lane was officially hired to be Louisburg's new head girls basketball coach and will replace Lowry, who spent the last seven seasons guiding the Lady Cats.

"I am very honored to be offered this position at LHS," Lane said. "The timing of this opportunity is perfect for me and my family, and I am so thankful to be asked to step into such a valued position. After coaching the seventh grade girls the past two seasons, I am super excited to get back into coaching

at the high school level again.”

Lane came to Louisburg after coaching and teaching for several years at Drexel (Mo.) High School. She served as the Drexel head girls coach from 2006 to 2012 and was able to capture a lot success.

She posted a 90-36 record during her time with the Drexel program and coached in two Missouri all-star games. Before that time, she served as a junior varsity coach during the 2003-04 season at Piper High School.

Lane has been the business teacher at Louisburg High School for three years and has spent the last two seasons as the LMS seventh-grade girls coach. She also was an assistant coach for the LHS softball team for one season.

In 2020, Lane was an assistant for interim coach Leanna Willer and Willer will return as the junior varsity coach next season.

“Being asked to help this season I do feel will benefit me in the future,” Lane said. “I got to know the girls on a coach/player level and not just teacher/student level and I believe these relationships will make the transition into next season easier. When I was asked to step in and help, I felt very honored that the assistant coaches trusted me and my basketball knowledge.”

Even though the season is still months away, Lane is excited to get started with her new team over the summer as she begins to put her fingerprints

on the program.

“I would say my coaching style is aggressive,” Lane said. “I like to play man-to-man defense if possible and run the court. Defenses will change depending on the team we are playing, but every defense we run will be based on man to man principles.”

“As for offense, I feel that all offenses should be based around a team’s personnel. We will run the court on offense when we can, and we will try and be aggressive on the offensive boards. I believe in the big 4: defense, rebounding, transition and free throws. If we can do these four things, we can be successful as a team. I have high expectations for my players and I will expect them to work hard on and off the court.”