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## *Talawanda Hires Larry Cox as New Head Football Coach at Monday Evening's Board of Education Meeting*

*The Talawanda Athletic Department is excited to announce the hiring of Larry Cox as their next Head Football Coach. He was approved at Monday night's school board meeting. Coach Cox has 23 years Head Football Coaching experience that he brings with him to Talawanda. He was the Lakota West Head Coach for 21 years dating back to when they opened their school in 1997. He led Lakota West to GMC League Championships in 2009 and 2013, led them to the state playoffs 5 different times, was Associated Press Southwest Ohio Coach of the year in 1999 and 2006, and made it to the Regional Playoff Finals in 2014. More important than wins and losses was the impact he made and relationships built with the student athletes at Lakota West. He has always taken care of his players and they are better people for being a part of his program.*

*He has had six players go on to play in the N.F.L. (two currently) and over 150 who have went on to play college football. Colleges and Universities trust his process and trust the players that come from his program. He instills a love of the game and a trusted work ethic that allows them to succeed on the field, off the field, and in the classroom. Before being named the Head Coach at Lakota West, Cox was the Head Coach of Bellbrook HS where he went 13-7 over (2) seasons. Before becoming a Head Coach, Coach Cox was an assistant football coach at Hamilton High School for (7) years. His last year as an assistant he was part of Hamilton's 1<sup>st</sup> Football GMC League Championship team.*

*We are overwhelmed with excitement with the hiring of Coach Cox as our next Head Football Coach. He has had tremendous success as a head coach, he has a great knowledge of the game of football, he is a motivator, and he brings to us a winning attitude. We feel this is a fantastic hire for our entire athletic program at Talawanda. We are excited for him to meet our kids and get started. Coach Cox plans to have a meeting on Tuesday after school to meet the football players. We will also introduce him at halftime of this Friday's Boys Basketball game vs Harrison. We are in the early stages of planning a Community Meet the Coach night. As we finalize those details we will let everyone know when this will take place.*