

Wilson AD vote unanimous in record time

Former Southlake Carroll defensive guru new head coach of the Panthers

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The BISD school board wasted little time, four minutes and ten seconds to be exact, to elect a new athletic director and head football coach.

There will be an air of Southlake Carroll 'in-the-house' at Panther Stadium, as defensive coordinator, Shannon Wilson has accepted the BISD Athletic Director and head football coaches position, after a unanimous vote at last weeks board meeting.

When asked to pinpoint one immediate change he'd like to see in his Panthers, is a commitment to becoming stronger and faster.

"We need to build on the successes that we have had and are having in our athletic department right now," Wilson said about the basketball teams current first-place spots.

"We are definitely not going to overhaul our successful programs, while at the same time working hard to be innovative and non-complacent."

Every coach has their own philosophy of what a team is about.....and what builds success. Wilson agreed wholeheartedly.

"TEAM to me means everyone involved has a vital and important roll in the success of all," said the new mentor, "and we expect to build champion people with strong work-ethics, character, and responsible students, which in turn, will build champion teams."

Not only has Wilson had great success with the Dragons, but it was Southlake that ended Wilson and Irving High School in 2003.

"That 2003 team at Irving, we had a State

Championship contender team," continued Wilson, "but we ironically lost in the 4th round to Southlake Carroll." During the interviewing process, 120-plus applicants were narrowed down to 20. From that 20, six were invited in for the 'grand tour' from superintendent, Keith Bryant.

"Mr. Bryant, Mrs. Hughes and the interview committee were very much integral parts in my interest to come to Bullard," said the Lubbock native, "and we are very excited and optimistic about the future of Bullard Athletics.

"But we are also tremendously excited to work with such a superior administration," Wilson added.

When asked about a game against his former offensive coordinator at Southlake, Coach Carl Poe, now the Spring Hill AD, Wilson smiled and gleamed with brotherly pride..

"I would love to in the future, but at the time of Coach Poe and I being hired, there were some scheduling commitments already in place that would not allow us to compete."

Faith and family are mainstays in the Wilson household as well.

"I am very lucky to have a outstanding coach's wife, Kristy, said Wilson about his family. "We have a seven- year-old daughter, Megan, who can give Hanna Montana a run for her money!!!"

The new BHS AD added, "We also have a five year-old son, Brody, whose favorite place is the weightroom!"

"Our kids were born in week 11 and week 10 in play-off years," added Wilson.

Not sure if the Wilson's have plans on another child, but they have great timing, we hope to enjoy in Bullard sometime!



(Courtesy Photos)

At top, new Bullard High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach, Shannon Wilson is pictured with his wife of nine years, Kristi, their five year-old son, Brody and seven year-old, daughter, Megan. At right, Wilson goes out to meet a big-play for the Dragons, with one of his former players at Southlake Carroll. Below right, Wilson is pictured after a Dragons playoff win last season, with his assistant coach, and son Brody. Wilson comes to BHS after three years as the defensive coordinator for the nationally prominent, Southlake Carroll Dragons.



Bullard realignment brings Rusk to loop

AUSTIN – The new UIL district alignments were released on Monday, and Bullard is back to playing some old nemesis', according to the information released.

The district number will remain the same, as District 17-3A, and Bullard and Chapel Hill the only two school remaining from the past setup.

Joining the new district will reconger old rivalries with Brownsboro and Rusk, and add Athens to make up the five team league.

District 16, which is in Region II, will now have the likes of Gilmer, Gladewater, Carhage, Henderson, Spring Hill, and Pittsburg

In the larger classifications locally, John Tyler dropped to 4A and will play in Region II, District 14 against Hallsville, Jacksonville, Kilgore, Pine Tree, Marshall, Nacogdoches, and Whitehouse.

The Troup Tigers are in Region II, District 11, playing Crockett, Elkhart, Malakoff, Teague, and Trinity, and seven miles away, the Arp Tigers are now in a completely different region.

Arp will play in District 9, in Class 2A

Division II, with the likes of Frankston, Union Grove, Joaquin, West Rusk, and Winona.

CLASS 3A REGION III

District 17-3A: Athens, Brownsboro, Bullard, Rusk, Tyler Chapel Hill

District 18: Center Diboll, Huntington, Jasper, Kirbyville, Lufkin Hudson (basketball only), Pollock Central (basketball only).

District 19: China Spring, Gatesville, Lorena, Waco Robinson, Waco Connally, Waco LaVega.

District 20: Fairfield, Groesbeck, Madisonville, Mexia, Palestine, Palestine-Westwood.

District 21: Bridge City, Mamshire-Fannett, Orangefield, Silsbee, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, West Orange Stark.

District 22 – Cleveland, Cleveland,Tarkington, Coldspring-Oakhurst, Houston Yes Prep North Central (basketball only), Huffman Hargrave, Liberty Sheperd Splendora.

District 23: Caldwell, Giddings, LaGrange, Navasota, Rockdale, Smithville.

District 24: Bellville, Brookshires Royal, Columbus, Houston KIPP (basketball only), Sealy Stafford.

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 - Scrimmage two-White Oak
 - Zero Week-Quitman
 - Week One-Mineola
 - Week Two-Palestine
 - Week Three-Troup
 - Week Four-Huntington
 - Week Five-Tatum
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