Olejniczak will coach Kennedy sophs

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Lon Olejniczak has been recommended as the new sophomore boys basketball coach at Cedar Rapids Kennedy, head coach Jon McKowen confirmed Friday.

His official hiring is pending board approval.

Olejniczak, originally from Decorah, played football and baseball at the University of Iowa from 1979 to 1983. He is an executive at Transamerica and his family lives in the Kennedy school district.

Larry Williams, Jeff Hrubes and Ben Ethier will be varsity assistants for the Kennedy basketball team next season. Drew Heitland, a 2014 Kennedy grad who plays football at Coe, will be the assistant coach for the sophomore basketball team.

Mike Green and Chris Gehrls will serve as freshman coaches.