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## Pastrick replaced at South Cobb reins

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Geoff Pastrick had been on the job for three weeks as South Cobb's head football coach.

The former head coach at Chapel Hill, and an assistant at McEachern and Hillgrove, was formally introduced to the South Cobb parents and players, and he had started an offseason strength and conditioning program.

Then, he got some unexpected bad news.

Pastrick was informed Friday that his offer had been rescinded. He said he was told that the internal process on his hiring wasn't followed correctly by the Cobb County School District's human resources department.

South Cobb then promoted assistant Sherrod Rainge to become the Eagles' new head coach. Rainge first came to the school as a community coach in 2010, and he had served as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach since 2012, under former coaches Ed Koester and Michael Youngblood.

What remains unclear to Pastrick was why the job offer had been rescinded. Steve Jones, director of athletics for the school district, said "the human resources department would not OK his hiring," and declined to comment further on the situation.

Since Chapel Hill has already filled the position Pastrick had previously vacated, he is currently unemployed.

"I will be looking for answers," he said. "I'm still trying to get to the bottom of this. Cobb County is my home and where I wanted to be. This is my future, and to be treated this way is upsetting."

"I resigned my position at Chapel Hill to start working with football players. Then I find out that that someone didn't follow correct process. That's what happened. No one from human resources had informed me to tell me what was going on. (South Cobb principal Ashley) Hosey was fighting for me, but he called me and said (human resources) weren't going to allow the hiring to go through."

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When Pastrick was initially hired in late March, the offensive-minded coach said he had plans on installing the pistol offense that Kyle Hockman has run effectively at McEachern.

He also showed enthusiasm for building South Cobb in a new Region 3AAAAAA that will also county rivals Pebblebrook and Campbell, as well as East Coweta, Douglas County, Westlake and Langston Hughes.

Now it will be up to Rainge to push the Eagles forward after a 3-7 finish in the team's lone season under Youngblood, who resigned in February.

"Coach Rainge knows our program, our school, students and families," Hosey said in a release on the school's website. "I trust him with our student-athletes and have confidence he will move our football program forward."

Rainge could not be reached for comment, but he said in the release the he is "definitely excited about the opportunity and the kids we have in our program."

"I'm proud to be part of this community and lead this football program," he added. "We will give our best effort every week and make South Cobb football the pride of Austell."

Rainge has helped devise South Cobb's offensive schemes, and he's worked closely with both the offensive line and the wide receivers.

Rainge has a solid football background, having played safety at Penn State under legendary Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno. He was on the 1986 Penn State team that beat Miami in the Fiesta Bowl, on its way to a national championship.

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So they hired a asst with no interview process and he is "working on" his certification?

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Terry Jones was the Offensive Coordinator last season. Coach Rainge was only the offensive line coach. Get your facts straight.

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So why not hire Jones? He is more qualified than Rainge? Isn't it Cobb policy to open the position and you must interview for this? I had to go thru an online process when I got hired the entire interview process.

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Coach Pastrick should head straight to the HR dept, the EEOC, and an attorney. Something is off on this one- they announced him over a month ago.

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WOW -I was so impressed by Coach Pastrick, he already was working with our boys and they had good things to say. They hired a current coach with NO head coach expeirence and the

article from South Cobbs website says he is working on certification- is he not even a fully certified teacher? What is going on at South Cobb and CObb County?

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**SCHS Parent** | April 19, 2014

EPIC FAIL by CCSD- They had an HR "oversight" shouldn't that have been addressed this prior to interviewing the candidates, offering the job to him, having a parent meeting, having him work out the kids, and now he is unemployed because of this. Pastrick is taking the fall for a HUGE screw up on CCDS's part. Sounds like some sort of unfair hiring practice or discriminaton.

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This just shows how stupid Cobb County Schools are and that they are run my idiots. Coach Pastrick deserves SO much better than this and I am sure it will come to him. South Cobb was lucky to have him as any school would be. Why is it always the good guys who get the shaft?

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