

Saeler Named New Strasburg Principal

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A former Central High School assistant principal has moved north to take the helm at Strasburg High School.

Morgan Saeler, 37, started his new job Monday after the Shenandoah County School Board appointed him to the position on July 16.

Saeler has worked for Shenandoah County Public Schools for 14 years. He taught social studies at Peter Muhlenberg Middle School before serving as an assistant principal at all three county high schools, including at SHS from 2007 to 2009.

County Superintendent Je-

remy Raley said Saeler was chosen from among nine other candidates for the top job.

"It was a very competitive process and Morgan rose to the top," Raley said.

Former SHS Principal Ken Knesch, who led the school since 2010, accepted an assistant principal position at a school in Warren County, Raley said.

"We wish him well," he said.

Knesch was a teacher and assistant principal in Warren County for 11 years before coming to Shenan-



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doah County.

Saeler, a native of western Pennsylvania, said

he is

"very excited"

about re-

turning to Strasburg.

"It's good to come back and be a part of that [community],"

he said.

Unlike his previous jobs, Saeler said being a principal will require him to have more of a big-picture idea of the school's direction.

"Being an assistant principal, you tend to be focused on the little things," he said. "As

a principal it's important to have an overall vision of how you want to operate and be able to juggle all the other things."

Saeler said he wants to continue SHS' goal of making students globally competitive, and that he has started by asking school personnel and community members what they think the school needs.

"We're looking to build on the success we've had here," he said. "What does Strasburg High School need to be successful and competitive?"

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