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***YORK EXPECTS TO FILL 49ERS' COACH, GM POSITIONS SHORTLY AFTER SUPER BOWL***

By Matt Maiocco, CSNBayArea.com

CEO Jed York said Tuesday he expects the 49ers will have the two top positions in the organization's football structure to be filled shortly after the Super Bowl.

"I would assume that that's going to take place," York told CSNBayArea.com's Ray Ratto at "Words to Action," a discussion of activism in sports at San Jose State.

"I don't know that the staffs are going to be filled out and all those things. But I think the significant hires will be done the week of the Super Bowl."

The 49ers have a window from Friday afternoon through Saturday to meet for a second time with Atlanta Falcons offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, the team's only candidate for the head-coaching job.

The 49ers are prohibited from hiring Shanahan until after Super Bowl 51 on Feb. 5. The Falcons meet the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl in Houston.

Shanahan is also expected to take part in the process to hire the 49ers' next general manager. Finalists Terry McDonough and George Paton are scheduled to interview with Shanahan, York and 49ers executive Paraag Marathe on Saturday in Atlanta.

McDonough is the Arizona Cardinals vice president of player personnel. Paton is the Minnesota Vikings' assistant general manager.

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***Jed York preaches patience, for good reason***

By Mike Florio, ProFootballTalk.com

More than three weeks after explaining his goals for the franchise that needs both a new coach and a new General Manager, 49ers CEO Jed York has address the situation again, at a time when the team still doesn't have a coach or a G.M.

Via Cam Inman of BayAreaNewsGroup.com, York spoke at a San Jose event on Tuesday. He said all that he could, given that it's widely believed that a wink-nod agreement exists with a new coach, who will soon be directly involved in picking his G.M. under the guise of a second interview for the job he already has.

"The message is we're going to re-establish a championship culture," York said, via Inman. "We're not going to do that by filling a job quickly. We need to be patient. We need to be willing to wait.

"And when we get the right people, we'll start putting everything into place."

After the Super Bowl, they'll have the right person to coach the team or, more accurately, the one leading candidate who hadn't backed out of the job and then leveraged his role as the stand-alone cheese into plenty of cash and other considerations from the club.

While not legally binding and technically prohibited by league rules, the job belongs to Falcons offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan. In Atlanta on Saturday, Shanahan will meet with Vikings executive George Paton and Cardinals executive Terry McDonough to determine, as a practical matter, which guy will serve as the optimal table-setter for Shanahan. It remains possible that others will get involved (former Bucs

G.M. Mark Dominik has been mentioned), now that it's clear that Shanahan has the job — and that Shanahan will be running show.

Full control over the roster is believed to have been promised to Shanahan. The manner in which the documents are drawn up could deviate from that, however, if Paton, McDonough, or whoever gets the G.M. job needs to have final say in writing in order to leave their current teams. (Dominik wouldn't need it, because he's not currently working for a team.)

A similar situation unfolded eight years ago in Cleveland, where coach Eric Mangini unofficially had control and G.M. George Kokinis had contractual control, in order to justify his exit from Baltimore. The friends (former) repeatedly butted heads over personnel decisions, culminating in Kokinis being escorted from the building during their first season together.

The 49ers need to have this one figured out before either Shanahan or the new G.M. enter the building in Santa Clara. Otherwise, it could be Jim Harbaugh and Trent Baalke all over again.

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### ***49ers CEO Jed York preaches patience in coach, GM search***

By Josh Dubow, Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers CEO Jed York is preaching patience as the team's search for a new coach and general manager enters its fourth week.

York fired first-year coach Chip Kelly and longtime general manager Trent Baalke on Jan. 1 after the team matched the worst record in franchise history with a 2-14 mark.

"We have to make sure that we get the right person," York said Tuesday at an event on the intersection of sport and social change at San Jose State.

York has interviewed six coaching candidates with Atlanta offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan the only remaining candidate. The Niners will meet again with Shanahan this week but can't sign him to a contract until after the Falcons play in the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 against New England.

There have also been nine interviews with potential general managers with Minnesota assistant GM George Paton and Arizona vice president of player personnel Terry McDonough expected to get second interviews this week as well.

The five other NFL coach openings have already been filled, including three candidates who interviewed with San Francisco. Washington offensive coordinator Sean McVay got hired by the Los Angeles Rams, Carolina defensive coordinator Sean McDermott got the job in Buffalo and Bills interim coach Anthony Lynn took over the Chargers.

Vance Joseph was hired in Denver before he could interview with San Francisco.

Indianapolis is the only other team with a general manager opening.

"The message is we need to re-establish a championship culture and we're not going to do that by just filling a job quickly, we need to get the right people," York said. "We need to be patient, we need to be willing to wait, and when we get the right people we'll start to put everything in place."

They hope that Shanahan will be that person after overseeing an offense that helped the Falcons make the Super Bowl.

He is the son of two-time Super Bowl winning head coach Mike Shanahan, who also won a title as offensive coordinator in San Francisco in 1994.

Kyle Shanahan's stock as a candidate has climbed as his Atlanta offense has flourished. Atlanta led the NFL in scoring, averaging 33.8 points per game, and quarterback Matt Ryan was picked as a first-team AP All-Pro.

Shanahan got his first NFL job as an offensive quality control coach in Tampa Bay in 2004. He also served as an offensive coordinator in Houston, Washington and Cleveland before arriving in Atlanta last season.

York said he was open to hiring either the coach or general manager first. He said the primary goal in the search is finding a coach and general manager who can work well together.

York said it will be up to the new general manager and coach to decide whether quarterback Colin Kaepernick will be back next season. Kaepernick made headlines this past season with his refusal to stand during the national anthem to protest racial oppression and police brutality in the United States.

The 49ers supported Kaepernick in his stance and his teammates gave him the Len Eshmont Award for inspirational and courageous play.

"There are certainly people that didn't agree with how we handled everything. I understand that," York said. "There's no perfect answer for it. I believe in freedom of speech but there are also consequences to freedom of speech. What we need to do is make sure we take it from whatever those negative comments and negative feelings were to, how do we make our community a better place and take some of the wisdom that we just heard from that panel and start instilling it and having collaboration between police officers and the communities they serve. If we can do that, we can have a huge impact in our communities."