

DUNLAP COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #323
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 15th, 2026

INFORMATION ITEM

TO: Dr. Scott Dearman, Superintendent
Members of the Board of Education

FROM: Jason Homes
District Athletic Director

SUBJECT: Approval of Agreement for the Certified Athletic Trainer Services between OSF Multi-Specialty Group (OSF) and Dunlap School District.

PROPOSED ACTION:

That the Board of Education approve the Agreement for the Certified Athletic Trainer Services between OSF Multi-Specialty Group (OSF) and Dunlap School District.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Dunlap School District is nearing the completion of a three year contract with OSF that is set to expire on June 30, 2026. That agreement originally provided one certified athletic trainer and team physician for our athletic program. Following the completion of the first year, OSF provided a half position to support the athletes at Dunlap High School at no cost to the district. The additional .5 position was added to provide the needed support for our athlete and provide sustainability to the current athletic trainer. Below are factors that would increase the needs from a 1.5 athletic trainer to a 2.0 athletic trainer at Dunlap High School:

- In the fall, football practices consume the training staff and in some cases are not available for other sports on Friday due to football games. Spring sports pose challenges as well as the sports are spread through a number of venues stretching a single trainer. This included the contact sports of boys/girls lacrosse and girls soccer.
- Varsity Events:
 - Fall: 102 home varsity events
 - Winter: 66 home varsity events (including Thanksgiving and Christmas Tournaments)
 - Spring: 84 home varsity events
 - Total: 252 home varsity events in 2025-26
- Athletic trainers can be difficult to secure and maintain due to burnout and excessive work in some cases.
- Number of facilities used during each sports season:
 - Fall 5 (football stadium, Soccer Valley, XC course, tennis courts, gym/pool)
 - Winter 1 (gym/pool)
 - Spring 5 (football stadium, baseball, softball, soccer, and tennis courts)
 - Addition of the new training facility and middle school wrestling
- The difference in 1.5 to 2.0 is \$11,570

The three year contract provides the following:

- Two Athletic Trainer to provide coverage varsity "home" practices/games
- Athletic Trainer will attend all home and away football games
- Team physician will be onsite and available for varsity home/away football games
- Saturday varsity practice coverage is not mandatory but will be based on availability and/or special request
- Concussion Testing provided
- Communication of Healthy Rosters provided to coaches, parents, and administration
- OSF will provide priority scheduling and direct access to their orthopedic team of physicians

The annual sum for each contract year is as follows:

- Year 1 (2026-27): \$53,996
- Year 2 (2027-28): \$58,625
- Year 3 (2028-29): \$58,625