

Athletic Trainer Recommendation

May 20, 2019

At the Board Work Session on April 29, Josh Aston, Minico Principal, shared some information about a proposal from Intermountain Healthcare about their Sports Medicine Program. They would like to partner with our District to provide an Athletic Trainer. This trainer would be their employee but would be assigned to Minico High School. Here is a brief synopsis of the services they would provide:

- The trainer would be available every day for practices throughout the year and even during the summer.
- The trainer would be at all home games and events and be available as needed when events are scheduled at the same time.
- The trainer and a physician or physician's assistant would be in attendance at all home varsity football games.
- They would refer students to their own doctor for additional services or to the doctor of their choice.
- If our assigned trainer was not available for a game another would be assigned to cover that game.

In return for providing this person, Intermountain Sports Medicine is asking for the following:

- A \$10,500 annual contribution from the District toward their salary.
- Promotional recognition of the services provided in a variety of ways:
 - PA announcements, recognition and logos on calendars and programs, banners, and a link on our website.
 - Named as "The official medical provider of Minico High School Athletics."

We appreciate the long-standing relationship the District has had with Minidoka Memorial Hospital in providing our Emergency Medical Team (EMT) services and many volunteers at many of our games. We are concerned about the impact this could have on the services they provide and their willingness to continue that support. We would ask that Minidoka Memorial continue to provide EMT services and that we would improve our acknowledgement of them at games when they are in attendance. In our discussions with the staff from Intermountain Sports Medicine and Ben Smalley, CEO of Cassia Regional Medical Center, they have indicated that the doctors, physicians and therapists that have been volunteering at Minico games in the past would be welcome partners in their program and scheduling.

It is my recommendation, and that of the Minico administration that we accept this offer of services so that Intermountain Sports Medicine can hire someone to be on staff for the beginning of school. Upon approval by the Board we will begin negotiating the details of a three year contract.

Respectfully Submitted

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Superintendent

Josh Aston
Minico Principal