

Future of mascots to be decided Monday

■ In this file photo from Oct. 9, 2018, members of the Atchison community listen as comments are offered on the future of the city's public school mascots/Credit:Brian Hagen/MSA News

(KAIR)--The fate of Atchison's Native-American themed mascots will be decided Monday.

That comes following a lengthy committee review of the issue, and a public forum last month that drew less than 50 people.

The Atchison High School uses the Redmen mascot while the Atchison Middle School uses the Braves.

Of the 11 who spoke at the October 9 forum, three voiced their opinions as to why the controversial mascots should be removed.

A committee, comprised of USD 409 School Board members, representatives of the public, and others, conducted a study outlining the pros and cons of continuing the use of the mascots.

A Facebook page established for discussion of the topic continues to draw comments from both perspectives.

The issue arose in 2016 after the school district received what Superintendent Dr. Susan Myers at the time called “written communications pertaining to the use of the Redmen mascot.”

A vote is now set to happen on whether or not the mascots will remain.

That is scheduled as part of the agenda for Monday's meeting of the Board of Education.

The session will begin at 7:00 at the Board of Education Office, located at 626 Commercial Street, in Atchison.

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