

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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