

**USD 409 Atchison Public Schools
Board of Education Public Forum**

**Monday, September 17, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

**Atchison Elementary School Gymnasium
825 North 17th Street
Atchison, Kansas 66002**

Purpose:

The public forum is a meeting of the USD 409 Atchison Public School District Board of Education (BOE) where they will receive public comments, input and feedback on the topic of the Atchison High School mascot (Redmen) and Atchison Middle School mascot (Braves). Additionally, this meeting will serve as an opportunity to educate and inform the public about the topic of utilizing Native American mascots.

Background:

In December 2016, the BOE formed a mascot study committee after receiving written communications regarding the use of Native American mascots. The first committee meeting was held January 30, 2017. This committee's mission and charge was to discuss the topic of our AHS/AMS mascots from a balanced perspective (looking at both sides of the issue) and give advice and feedback to the BOE. The committee also studied many articles and documents related to the use of Native American mascots. The committee's final report can be found on the district's website along with the articles and documents that were studied.

Public Forum General Information:

- This is a formal/public meeting of the BOE and all rules/procedures of the Board will be enforced.
- The USD 409 BOE will be in attendance, but will not be making any comments before, during or after the meeting regarding the mascot.
- Atchison Elementary School Gymnasium will open at 5:00 p.m. The public input session will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.
- Patrons are expected to park in the rear of the building and enter the building through the southwest cafeteria doors (Door M).
- Signs will not be allowed in the gymnasium.
- This is a board meeting and it **will be** televised just as other meetings are televised.
- Brian Jordan, from the Kansas Association of School Boards, will be the moderator of the meeting.

Process for Patrons to Share Information with the Board:

- Anyone wishing to speak at the public forum will need to fill out an index card with their name, address, and phone number as they enter the gymnasium. The cards will be available at the entrance of the gymnasium
- These cards will be collected and turned into the moderator.
- The cards will be placed in a "lottery barrel" to be drawn from for ordering of speakers.

- Individuals not wishing to publicly address the board can submit written comments or documents in baskets near the entrance of the gym. These **will not** be read at the public forum. They will be shared with the BOE for consideration after the public forum meeting.

Ground Rules for Public Comments:

- All members of the audience who wish to address the BOE will have a maximum of three (3) minutes to speak and will be timed by the BOE clerk. At the conclusion of three (3) minutes, a buzzer will sound, and the microphone will be muted.
- Speakers will not be allowed to give their unused time to other individuals wishing to speak.
- Individuals will only be allowed to speak one time at the public forum.
- Individuals must speak for themselves and cannot speak on behalf of individuals not in attendance.
- The moderator will determine the order of speakers by randomly drawing names.
- There will be a short break during public comments. Anyone arriving late can add his or her name to speak at this time. The BOE will listen to all who want to speak.
- If a speaker has a handout for the BOE, please put your handouts in the box by the microphone. The Board will receive the handouts at the conclusion of the public input session.
- Audience members **will not** react positively or negatively before, during or after each person speaks.
- Any persons violating these ground rules will be removed from the public forum.
- After the final person speaks, the BOE will adjourn the meeting.

NO VOTE WILL BE TAKEN ON SEPTEMBER 17 – FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE BOE ON A DATE OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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Special Meeting – Public Input Session**

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Agenda

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| 5:30 p.m. | Call to Order - Welcome
Ordering and Approval of Agenda |
| 5:35 p.m. | Overview of Procedures for Public Input Session |
| 5:40 p.m. | Citizen Comments |
| ?? | Adjournment |