

# **Board Briefs .....March 4, 2021**

The U.S.D. 409 Board of Education held a special meeting – mascot educational presentation and public forum on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Atchison Elementary School-Gymnasium.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

President Carrie Sowers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She welcomed patrons and staff to the meeting.

## **ORDERING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board approved the agenda, as presented.

## **DISCUSSION OF AMS AND AHS MASCOTS**

Carrie Sowers gave an overview of the purpose of the mascot educational forum.

Diane Liebsch and Sean Crittendon gave an overview of the work of the mascot committee that was established in December 2016.

Superintendent Renee Scott provided a cost analysis of changing the mascots.

Coordinator of Special Education Nichole Honeywell gave an overview of the districts non-discrimination policies.

## **GUEST PRESENTATION**

K-State Professor Dr. Alex Red Corn provided a presentation on mascot imagery related to Native Americans.

## **Citizens Comments**

Nine (9) citizens request to speak during the forum: Wanda Wolf, Lori Randall, Kurt Schlanker, Ryan Plckman, Kevin Hill, Charo Kelley, Seth Stillings, Joshua Wolf, and Liz Weinmann.

In closing, Carrie thanked and voiced appreciation to everyone for attending tonight’s mascot education and public forum.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.