

SRO advances; mascot future explored in Atchison

(KAIR)--Atchison's public schools could soon obtain a student resource officer.

That comes as the Board of Education for USD 409 approves unanimously an agreement with the City of Atchison to make that possible.

The memorandum of understanding is required as part of a possible grant funding source through the Department of Justice which the school district plans to apply for.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Susan Myers tells MSC News Monday's decision of the School Board now sends the issue back to the City.

The City Commission will now need to approve the memorandum of understanding, on behalf of the Atchison Police Department, as the next step in seeing the student resource officer implemented.

Also on Monday, Myers tells MSC News the Board of Education again discussed the future of the district's controversial Redmen mascot.

That follows the work of a committee that has compiled options pertaining to the mascot, as the committee examined both sides of the issue.

The School Board Monday asked for a cost analysis pertaining to a possible change of mascots, with those figures to be discussed during the board's meeting in July.

At that time, the board will also look to scheduling a special meeting to hold a community forum focused on the mascot's fate.

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