

"Hi everyone. Jessica Vaughn here. I'm not on social media much, but I wanted to respond to this post since I was mentioned personally. 1. You can contact all of the school board members, not just myself. Personally, I would advise sending your emails to all board members, since we can't talk about this item due to sunshine laws. 2. The district decided to leave this decision up to the current students. The student body government did a very thorough job of researching the subject of changing the mascot. They met with several groups included both Title Six and the Alumni. They researched other communities, took a student body survey, and provided the teachers and staff with their own survey. Then, the student body government voted unanimously to change it. Both surveys showed that a majority of students and staff would like the mascot changed. The students gave a very thoughtful presentation of why they would like it changed and will be at the next school board meeting to talk about their project in more detail. Also, Title six has not asked the Alumni to stop identifying at the Chiefs. They are just asking for the mascots to change going forward. I understand that the idea of the mascot changing is very upsetting for people who identify as the chiefs and who love Chamberlain. However, I stand behind whatever the current students have decided. I believe in the process of allowing the students who attend Chamberlain (today) decide what is best for themselves collectively. Again, I probably won't be on social media to respond to comments on this thread, but I will make sure to read all of your emails and your voices will be heard. I hope this at least provides some clarification into the process and the how this decision was made."