

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**August 6, 2020**

The Board of Education of Park County School District No. 6 met on August 6, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. in the Westside Annex Board Room. Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Stefanie Bell, Tom Keegan, John McCue, Brandi Nelson, Cathy Roes, Jenni Rosencranse and Karen Schipfmann (via Zoom). Administrators present: Peg Monteith, Tim Foley, Beth Blatt and Patrick Couture. Directors present: Chynna Singer.

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the amended agenda.

On motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Jenni Rosencranse and carried, the amended agenda was approved as submitted.

Chairman Nelson announced that public input would be sought in two ways. Comment could be submitted to [park6@park6.org](mailto:park6@park6.org) and must include name, contact number and the topic. When the time comes for public input, individuals will be called and have three minutes to speak via a conference speaker phone. Additionally, a late decision was made to accommodate those individuals wanting to come in and address the board face to face. Phone input would be sought first and then individuals in person would have three minutes to speak in order of their submitted request.

Chairman Nelson called for presentation of a proposed Park 6 virtual school.

Beth Blatt shared that she has been working on the potential for a virtual school since early January. She has given it the name, Cody Virtual Education (COVE), and it would currently be offered for grades 6-12. With the assistance of Patrick Couture, they have been working diligently and now have a two-week window to finish two large final items in order for this to come to fruition. There are three options to consider: 1 – online schooling through the Florida Virtual platform, 2 – blended learning where students participate in the online portion and attend one to two classes in person, and 3 – a credit recovery option where students pay \$192.95 and have an offering of over 200 classes. Options 1 and 2 are free for Cody students. Cost is estimated at \$106,000 for the first year. She explained that the hope is to open it up to up to 25 students to start and eventually to offer K-12. Teachers within the district would sign up to become a teacher of record and receive a stipend based on a sliding scale. Anticipated revenue, which happens in arrears, is estimated at \$112,000 for 12 students and \$224,000 for 25 students.

Trustees had questions about revenue, potential revenue loss from Park 6 students, the possibility of adding homeschool students, and who will be permitted to enroll. Mrs. Blatt answered that there are still a few logistics that are being worked out, but they have eight current staff members working to support the completion.

Chairman Nelson called for Public Input, asking for phone in comments first. She explained that individuals would be allowed three minutes to speak, must be respectful, must direct comments to the Board and to please not repeat what someone else said. She also clarified that Coach Sedig had not been terminated or fired; his tennis coaching contract expired at the end of the season last year.

The following people spoke in support of the Board decision to not rehire Mr. Sedig:

- Donny Champlin
- Amy Law
- Christy Schmeiser

The following people spoke in support of Mr. Sedig for the 2020 tennis season:

- Ryan Brown
- Jacque Coburn
- Tim Vannoy
- Soffy Anderson
- Neil Markert
- Tashi Mathuin

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- Bob Anderson
- Tony Martoglio
- Erynne Selk
- Sarah Andre
- Abby Morales
- Simona Wambeke
- Nathalia Morales, and
- Hudson Selk

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the Park 6 Virtual School.

On motion by Jenni Rosencranse, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the Board approved a Park 6 virtual school with a startup cost of \$106,000.

Chairman Nelson called for approval of the Superintendent’s contract. She explained that the contract had been approved at the June 24, 2020 special board meeting, however, it was discovered that items could not be added to a special meeting agenda within eight hours of a meeting, so the Board needed to formalize the approval again.

On motion by Cathy Roes, seconded by Stefanie Bell and carried, the Park County School District No. 6 superintendent’s contract for Peg Monteith was approved with an effective date of July 1, 2020.

Chairman Nelson called for consideration of the petition by Norm Sedig to be the Cody High School tennis coach. She stated the Board had received 11 emails from Mr. Sedig as well as emails from the community. Trustee Bell shared that she felt the Board had supported the receipt of the petition as stated on August 4<sup>th</sup>, but was not permitted to take any action at that time. She shared how proud she was of the students who spoke. She read a prepared statement.

On motion by John McCue, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the Board denied the petition to hire Mr. Sedig and confirmed the previous action of the Board.

There being no further business to come before the board, on motion by Stefanie Bell, seconded by Cathy Roes and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Chairman of the Board

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