

**ESTELL MANOR BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, August 5, 2020 - 7:00 P.M. – Gymnasium & via Zoom/Google**

This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law, and has been duly advertised in the Annual Notice, which was provided to the Atlantic City Press and The Daily Journal.

Call to Order – Mrs. Seelman, President

The Estell Manor Board of Education held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 in the Gymnasium as well as via Zoom/Google. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Mrs. Seelman. (The public was allowed access through the use of the Zoom/Google meeting software and in-person.)

President’s Announcement of Open Public Meeting

This is to advise those present that adequate notice of meeting has been given in the official newspapers and posted in two public places as required by laws of 1975, Ch.231, commonly known as the Open Meeting Act.

Salute to the Flag – The President, Mrs. Seelman, led the Flag Salute.

Roll Call

Brianne Seelman -President	X
Kathy Mimler –Vice President	X
Sarah Ferrari	X
Alicia Gray	X
Shelly Sack	X
Dianna Abraham, Superintendent	X
Joseph Rodio, SBA/Board Secretary	X
Mike Coskey, Solicitor	X

Public Comments

MOTION: To open Public Comment.

Motion: K.Mimler Second: B.Seelman, all in favor, no one opposed. Time 7:01 P.M.

No public comment.

MOTION: To close Public Comment

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Superintendent Report

D. Abraham provided a presentation of the Estell Manor School District “Restart & Recovery Plan.” After the presentation, the Board was given an opportunity to ask questions about the plan.

S.Ferrari –

Can the students bring their lunch from home (yes.)

When selecting the hybrid method, can siblings be scheduled together? (yes.)

Will there be reimbursement for waiver of transportation? (no.)

Will the students selecting virtual receive the same as the face to face students in the building? (yes.)

K.Mimler –

What will the lunch options from cafeteria be? (It is believed to be generally the same as pre-COVID, however, it will be served in a box and potentially eaten in the classroom.)

If the majority of the students select in-school will this be too much demand? (We have determined that even at capacity, we will be able to manage.)

When selecting hybrid, can we choose A vs B? (Qualified yes, however, we will need some separation, so there may be a need make changes from what is submitted. Note that this will not be done without consultation with the family.)

Will the survey potentially change bussing? (yes it may, however, with the need to socially distance as much as possible, it is anticipated that we will need 4 buses regardless.)

Have we used all of the CARES Act money? (Most of the CARES money was spent on Chromebooks, however, there is also FEMA money available of which we can receive 75% of the amount submitted.)

What will recess and gym look like. (Because of social distancing requirements, it is hard to define what it will look like at this time.)

B.Seelman –

For lunch, will there be a hot meal and will it be pre-packaged? (Yes, there will be hot option, it will be boxed and brought to the classroom.)

Will the teachers be changing classrooms? (Yes.)

If the Governor makes schools all remote, will we be following Model #3 (Yes.)

If a teacher is sick, and needs to quarantine, will we need a substitute? (Most likely, yes.)

Will Health be on Wednesday? (Yes.)

S. Sack –

How will Gym be done? (The requirement is 150 minutes/week, and unfortunately recess doesn't count.)

How will transportation work? (Siblings can sit together, masks will be required since 6 foot distancing will not be possible.)

B.Seelman- Will bus drivers be subject to health screening? (Yes.)

Public Comments

MOTION: To open Public Comment.

Motion: B.Seelman Second: S.Ferrari, all in favor, no one opposed. Time 7:45 P.M.

Questions from the audience –

Parent #1 – Will the lessons be recorded if requested? (We will get back to you.)

Will there be a mask exemption? (Only if note is provided by a medical professional.)

Parent #2 - Will the hybrid/virtual students be able to ask questions? (Yes, via Zoom or Google. With transportation, can we drive them in the AM and use bus in PM? (Yes, answer survey that you need busing.)

Can the kids walk or take their bike to school? (Yes, if between 5th and 8th grade.)

Parent #3 – Would I need to use transportation for my 4th grader only if my 5th and 8th grader walk or take their bikes? (We can discuss offline.)

B.Seelman – How will IEP's be handled? (The School will reach out by phone/e-mail.)

S.Sack – My highschooler is on a hybrid schedule, can my schedule here be coordinated? (Yes.)

Questions online:

Parent #4 – Regarding IEP's, my daughter struggled with remote learning. How will it work? (It will be best to elect in-school learning. All remote would be problematic.)

How will the school be cleaned? (Wednesday deep cleaning will include disinfecting foggers.)

Comment – Students need to get back to school.

Parent #5 – What are the school times (9:00 – 2:00pm)

What does the Wednesday schedule include? ((Art, Music, Library, Health & Social Emotional Learning.)

Parent #6 – What happens when there is bad weather, too cold, wet? (Gym would be utilized.)

Parent #7 – Will grading be pass/fail or traditional? (Grading will be A, B, C, D)

Parent #8 – What is the log in information for Wednesdays? (The technology that will be utilized is Google Classroom. Login information will be provided.)

B.Seelman – What happens if student is sick on virtual day? (I will get back to you.)

Parent #9 – How does the transportation waiver work? (If you waive transportation, it needs to be for the entire school year.)

Parent #10 – Will every student have a computer? (Yes.)

Parent #11 – Will classes be outside? (Not current in the plan, but it is a possibility.)

Parent #12 – Will there be extra-curricular activities? (Extra-curricular activities are currently on hold.)

Parent #13 – Will there be mask breaks? (Yes, at least two breaks during the day, plus lunch and recess.)

Parent #14 – Why are masks required? (The Governor/DOE is requiring masks with barriers, etc.)

Parent #15 – Can you participate in sports if you elect to be remote? (Yes.)

What happens if the internet goes down? (You are out of luck until it returns.)

Parent #16 – Is there reimbursement if I waive transportation? (No.)

Parent #17 – Will there be temperature checks? (Only if student looks visibly ill.)

Parent #18 – What will the discipline be for not wearing a mask? (Discussion with student, then parental contact.)

B.Seelman – What happens if the student forget their mask? (There will be disposable masks available.)

Parent #19 – What happens if student is ill, can they still participate remotely? (Yes, if they are able to.)

Parent #20 – Can you opt for all remote if you are a choice student? (Yes.)
Can you attend remotely if you are ill? (Yes.)

Parent #21 – Do you need a negative covid test in order to return to school. (TBD.)

Parent #22 – If I elect to homeschool my student, what do I need to do? (You need to contact the main office, and withdraw your student from the district.)

Parent #23 – If my student is all remote, can I bring them into school for PE only? (I will let you know.)

Parent #24 – What will the set-up be for Playgroup? (They will be limited in #s, socially distanced, and must wear masks.)

Parent #25 – Will there be Google training for parents? (Yes.)

Parent #26 – Can the HSA use the facility for meetings? (Not at this time.)
What can we do relative to fundraiser pick-ups, etc? (That will need to be discussed & determined.)

K.Mimler – Will the teachers be provided the opportunity to learn remote/virtual techniques? (Yes – there are several scheduled for Sept. 1, 2 & 3)

Parent #27 – What are the Wildcat’s Den hours? (AM will be the same as last year, PM will be slightly different.)

MOTION: To close Public Comment

Motion: S.Ferrari Second: B.Seelman, all in favor, no one opposed. Time 8:19 P.M

MOTION: To approve the Curriculum & Student Affairs Items. Motion: B.Seelman Second: K.Mimler

Board Member	Roll Call	Abstain
Sarah Ferrari	Yes	
Alicia Gray	Yes	
Kathy Mimler	Yes	
Shelly Sack	Yes	
Brianne Seelman	Yes	

Recommendations of the Superintendent

(A.) Curriculum & Student Affairs

- (1) Recommend approval of submission of the Estell Manor School District “Restart & Recovery Plan” reopening plan to the Atlantic County Department of Education. (Addendum A)

MOTION: To approve the tabling of Policy Items #1 – #6 until August 26, 2020 meeting.

Motion: S.Ferrari Second: B.Seelman

Board Member	Roll Call	Abstain
Sarah Ferrari	Yes	
Alicia Gray	Yes	
Kathy Mimler	Yes	
Shelly Sack	Yes	
Brianne Seelman	Yes	

(B.) Policy

(7A) Recommend approval of tabling of the following policy updates:

- (1) Policy 1250 Visitors (Attachment #2)
- (2) Policy 3510 Operations And Maintenance of Plant (Attachment #3)
- (3) Policy 3541.33 Transportation Safety (Attachment #4)
- (4) Policy 5141.2 Illness (Attachment #5)
- (5) Policy 5141.3 Health Examinations and Immunizations (Attachment #6)
- (6) Policy 6173.1 Remote Learning (Attachment #7)

MOTION: To approve the Finance item #1. Motion: B.Seelman Second: K.Mimler

Board Member	Roll Call	Abstain
Sarah Ferrari	Yes	
Alicia Gray	Yes	
Kathy Mimler	Yes	
Shelly Sack	Yes	
Brianne Seelman	Yes	

(C.) Finance

- (1) Recommend approval of proposed expenditures of \$10,038.11 (Attachment #8)

D. Facilities Report

No report.

MOTION: To approve the following Personnel item #1. Motion: B.Seelman Second: S.Ferrari

Board Member	Roll Call	Abstain
Sarah Ferrari	Yes	
Alicia Gray	Yes	
Kathy Mimler	Yes	
Shelly Sack	Yes	
Brianne Seelman	Yes	

E. Personnel

- (1) Recommend approval of advertising for the potential hiring an additional Instructional Aide for the temporary timeframe of September through January 2021 for up to 29 hours/week.

MOTION: To open Public Comment.

Motion: B.Seelman Second: S.Ferrari, all in favor, no one opposed.

No public comment.

MOTION: To close Public Comment

Motion: B.Seelman Second: S.Ferrari, all in favor, no one opposed.

MOTION: To adjourn.

Motion: B.Seelman Second: K.Mimler Motion carried unanimously.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020