

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1098**  
**March 26, 2024**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioners Dressler, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor and McGinn,  
President Chhatwani

Absent: Commissioner Evans

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of  
Administration & Finance Hopkins, Director of Recreation Miletic,  
Executive Assistant Flynn, Superintendent of IT Agudelo

Audience: Student Rep Patel, Comm Reps Harner and Wilson

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Comments from the Audience:**

None

**5. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to recess the Board Meeting at 7:01 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

**6. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:**

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:24 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Harner, Wilson and Wilson, and Student Rep Patel left the meeting.

**7. Approval of the Minutes:**

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting held February 6, 2024, and the Regular Board Meeting held February 27, 2024.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**8. Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to approve the consent agenda items A through I.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Dressler, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Evans

- A. District Vehicle Purchase / M24-021 (see B&G March packet)
- B. BPC Electric Greens Mowers / M24-022 (see B&G March packet)
- C. Pine Park Playground Installation / M24-023 (see B&G March packet)
- D. Marquee Signs Upgrade / M24-029 (see A&F March packet)
- E. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$1,345,725.95 (see A&F March packet)
- F. District-Wide Operations Statement and Revenue and Expenditure Report (see A&F March packet)
- G. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 2/20/2024 (see B&G March packet)
- H. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities Minutes 2/20/2024 (see Rec & Facilities March packet)
- I. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 2/27/2024 (see A&F March packet)

**9. President's Report**

President Chhatwani said March has been a month for learning engagements and opportunities. She attended a meeting focusing on executive presence. She participated in a round table conference on diversity and inclusion, which was enlightening and productive. She participated in the Shamrock Shuffle (8K) in Chicago, promoted physical wellness. She participated in a financial literacy event at an apartment complex in Chicago, where they covered scams, identity theft, budget, savings, and making informed financial decisions.

**10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:**

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn, to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**11. Old Business:**

None

**12. New Business:**

A. Tax Levy Abatement / M24-028 / O24-002

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve Ordinance O24-002 abating taxes levied for the District's bonds for the 2023 Levy.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**13. Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Dressler announced that during the first two weeks of April, her and some realtor friends will participate in the HOTT Theater production of Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding. She added that kids were playing on the Triphahn Center playground after dark. Executive Director Talsma said we will have staff look into locking this up after dark or having clear signage.

Commissioner McGinn said he is looking forward to the egg hunt at Fabbrini.

Commissioner Kaplan said everything looks to be going smoothly.

Executive Director Talsma noted that a new athletic manager has been hired. Will Lieb will move to the general program manager by choice. He will remain in athletics through the end of the year. Rich Dahome will come in and work with Will under Nick Wirth. He added that we have started the process of hiring a new aquatic manager; and Amber Taitel, a long-time hockey instructor, will take over the full-time position of hockey and ice manager, under Nick Cinquegrani. Amber is very well-liked by parents.

Commissioner Friedman said nice job to Superintendent Agudelo on the LED panel replacement. He asked how we are doing with hiring lifeguards. Director Miletic said we have a hiring campaign going on right now through the website, and 80 percent of last year's guards will return. We pay \$16 or \$17 and add 50 cents/hour each year you come back. He added that basketball numbers look good and asked about a possible softball tournament. Director Miletic said that Will Lieb and Brian Bechtold are working on this. It is a senior tournament, and we are waiting on final details from the rental group. Finally, Commissioner Friedman reported that he is not going to coach a pony baseball team this year in Hoffman, as there was low enrollment, and he is now coaching a team in Palatine.

President Chhatwani noted she will be out of the country for the month of April, and Commissioner Kaplan will lead the meeting.

14. **Adjournment:**

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma  
Secretary

Cindy Flynn  
Executive Assistant