

ROME COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
Rome School Board Room
March 30, 2017
7:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION OF THE
PRINCIPAL POSITION**

1. The Public Hearing on the Proposed Reclassification of the Principal Position, as requested by Mrs. Tkaczenko, was called to order by President Terry Prosis with the roll call at 7:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call: Steve Down: Present Terry Prosis: Present
Donna Fally: Present Wes Schumm: Present
Greg Martinez: Present Kelly Tinsley: Present
Amanda McKee: Present

Also in attendance were Teachers Angie Courtright and Abby Hawkins, Principal Ali Tkaczenko and husband Ziggy, Chief Deputy Clint Taylor, Board Candidate John Burkett, Community Members Nicole Barron, Shelley Hosie, Tia Dunaway, Whitney Hodge, Denise Uhl, Rylee Arnett, Makayla Olive, and Kelly Taylor, Sentinel News Reporter Brett Templeton, Superintendent Erik Estill, and Recording Secretary Mary Beth Voss.

3. President Prosis gave opening remarks regarding the budget and the reasoning behind the reclassification of the principal position. He then explained the procedures that would be followed during the hearing and stated that Mrs. Tkaczenko would be given 12 minutes to speak to the board after which others in attendance who choose to speak would each be given three minutes to address the board.

4. Presentation of Public Testimony

Mrs. Tkaczenko addressed the board and expressed her opposition to the reclassification of her position and her reasoning. She voiced her concern about the school operating without a principal and stated she feels there will be a lot of things that won't get done and therefore won't be good for students overall.

President Prosis allowed Ziggy Tkaczenko, a non-resident of the district, a few minutes to speak during which he expressed support of his wife and her position as principal and his distain of the way in which the board acted in pressing for the reclassification of the principal's position.

Denise Uhl addressed the board and voiced her dissatisfaction of not being informed about the reclassification until a short time before the special meeting stating she had no knowledge of what was happening. She expressed shock about learning the district was in, as she referred to, a budget crisis and asked what other options have been discussed. Mrs. Uhl commended Mrs. Tkaczenko for always being there for students, being a great advocate to them, including her own children, and she voiced her concern as to how student needs will be met without a principal.

Tia Dunaway addressed the board and spoke of the importance of a music program in schools and she implored the board to do whatever they can to maintain the district’s music program.

President Prorise asked if anyone else would like to address the board. They did not.

President Prorise read aloud the resolution “Resolution Reference the Reclassification of an Administrative Employee.”

A motion was made by Steve Down and seconded by Wes Schumm to adopt the resolution “Resolution Reference the Reclassification of an Administrative Employee,” Alexandra Tkaczenko, as presented, and that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered the notice to the employee as specified in the Resolution.

Vote:	Greg Martinez:	Yes	Steve Down:	Yes
	Kelly Tinsley:	Yes	Amanda McKee:	Yes
	Donna Fally:	Yes	Terry Prorise:	Yes
	Wes Schumm:	Yes		

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Amanda McKee and seconded by Kelly Tinsley to adjourn the public hearing at 7:28 a.m.

The motion was approved.

President	Date
Secretary	Date