

How you spend money when it is not yours

At their October 2025 meeting the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors agree to the purchase 34.8 acres on Winterpock Road to serve as the site for the planned replacement of Grange Hall ES. No one can dispute the need to replace the current Grange Hall building, it is way past due. The selection and purchase of the land is another story however.

Why this site?

Was there any investigation regarding rebuilding on the existing site? The land is already paid for and generations have attended at that location.

How was site on Winterpock Road selected?

There is already an ES in Harper's Mill. The site is miles from the existing Grange Hall ES. What will be the resulting impact on attendance zones and transportation?

Who negotiated this deal?

Chesterfield County purchased the 7 properties on Winterpock Road from HHHunt for \$7.2M. HHHunt purchased the same properties at the end of January 2025 for \$4.37M. Per Chesterfield County the assessed value of the same properties was \$1.5M. It would appear someone grossly overpaid, the county's assessment is way off or HHHunt is a savvy buyer.

Who knew what and when?

Was HHHunt privy to the county plans or were they just lucky to have purchased the land in January? With the school now located on Winterpock Road and requiring a second entrance, will Chesterfield County pick-up the tab for the extension of Harpers Mill Parkway and the intersection with Winterpock Road? Road improvements that otherwise would have been required of the Astoria Development?

Too many unanswered questions for a county with ever increasing debt and taxes increasing many times the rate of inflation. The taxpayers of Chesterfield County deserve answers and a true advocate for cost control.