

# Winchester Public Schools

Type of Meeting: Ad Hoc Facilities Committee Minutes

Date: September 26, 2017

Present: Doug Pfenninger, Liz O'Dowd, Peter Marchand, Michelle Hintz, Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick, Melony Brady-Shanley

1. Establishment of Focus for Ad Hoc Facilities
  - a. Establish conversation regarding Batcheller and Hinsdale
  - b. Five Year Projection and what short and long term repairs may need to be completed inclusive of an enrollment study
2. Goals
  - a. Why are we engaging in this conversation
    - i. Previous Receiver made the decision to unilaterally close Hinsdale
    - ii. Building closing committee was convened in 2015 and it was decided to keep the building with the school
    - iii. Programmatic and Instructional benefits with Hinsdale versus Batcheller due to extra space
    - iv. Safety concerns regarding the location of Batcheller
    - v. Transportation would be less due to the location of school
  - b. Analyse pros and cons of each building

## Pros in keeping Batcheller School Open

- No moving fees
- Office in nice location
- Parking Lot - Good Shape
- Playgrounds are in good shape
- Layout in good for like-age instruction
- Storage Barn

## Cons for keeping Batcheller School Open

- Parking Lot too small, not good lighting in lots
- Safety - location, lack of sidewalk, away from emergency services, cafeteria is small
- Asbestos concerns

- Roof needs to be replaced
- Underground Oil Tank - No gas available
- Major cosmetic repairs - carpet, paint, ceiling, restrooms, etc.

#### Pros in Opening Hinsdale School

- Physical landscape is better - more usage property
- Local Neighborhood School
- Walkable and safe = Fire, police, pick-up, drop-off, close to other schools
- Square Footage (57,415)
- Structural Integrity – Excellent
- Heating function is operable
- Air Quality and Mold Inspections
- Library, Art, Stage, Kitchen Updated, and Music Room
- Solar Roof Potential
- Batcheller is a more marketable property

#### Cons for keeping Hinsdale School Closed

- Perception and Reputation
  - Location of Main Office
  - Playground and Fence - need to replace
  - Parking Lot needs to be resurfaced
  - 2 Underground oil tanks to be removed
  - Restrooms need to be updated for young students
    - c. Physical repairs
    - d. Capacity of buildings for programmatic needs
    - e. Review of historical documents related to school facilities
    - f. Ensure public communication regarding decision
    - g. Develop a timeline for decision-making
3. Next meeting will focus on historical document review, timeline regarding decision-making, and enrollment
  4. Date - October 24, 2017 at 7 PM

Adjourned at 8:10 PM