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## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT A GLANCE

### WORK SESSION

Nov. 1, 2011

**Superintendent's Remarks** – Dr. Steve Constantino reported on the progress of WJCC's Strategic Plan initiative:

- The Project Plan is complete.
- Seven focus groups representing internal and external stakeholders have met; eight more focus group meetings are scheduled, as well as school capacity profiles and an environmental scan.
  - The community Steering Committee had its first meeting on Oct. 19; its next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in Room 108, Central Office at James Blair.
  - A Community Forum will be held Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. in the James Blair cafeteria. Everyone will have the opportunity to participate.
  - Consultant PCG and the Superintendent's team having weekly status meetings.
  - The data collection phase is scheduled to be concluded by Thanksgiving; a preliminary goals report is scheduled for January.

Dr. Constantino also reported on the Blueprint for Educational Reform in Virginia, signed by all 133 superintendents in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The President of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, Dr. Pam Moran of Albemarle County, delivered the plan to the Virginia Board of Education last Thursday. Among the Blueprint's recommendations:

- Prepare all students to be college and career ready.
  - Measure student progress and achievement through a variety of assessments not limited to standardized, multiple choice tests.
  - Use evidence-based teaching and learning models that meet individual needs of diverse students.
  - Recruit, develop, and maintain effective and technically-proficient teachers, administrators, and classified staff.

- Ensure the Commonwealth meets its financial responsibility in providing public education and promoting economic development (State's Role in Funding Public Education).

**Board Advisory Committees** – Board members decided to change the annual calendar of meeting dates for its Advisory Committees to begin Nov. 1 and end Oct. 31, to allow committees that may wish to meet during summer months to be able to meet "seamlessly." Members will vote on this change at its Nov. 15 regular meeting. The Board also asked staff to look at ways that an advisory committee composed of students could be created.

**Baseball/Softball Field Lighting At Warhill and Jamestown High Schools** – Through a joint procurement with James City County and WJCC, it was determined that a sole source purchase to Musco Lighting would continue the standardization set for both county and school facilities, and at a cost that was fair and reasonable. Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Funds have been approved by the James City County Board of Supervisors for this project in the amount of \$363,000, with the balance remaining (\$237,000) to be funded from WJCC Capital Fund balances. The Board will vote on the contract at its Nov. 15 meeting.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**2012-2013 Budget Retreat:** Friday, Nov. 11, 2-6:30 p.m., Room 302, Central Office at James Blair annex.

**Regular Board Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Stryker Building, 420 N. Boundary Street, Williamsburg.