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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AT A GLANCE

WORK SESSION
Feb. 7, 2012

Superintendent's Remarks: Dr. Constantino acknowledged four observances taking place in February: Black History Month, Career Technical Education Month, National School Counseling Week (Feb. 6-12), and School Board Appreciation Month.

Recognitions: Five WJCC schools were recognized for receiving the Virginia Board of Education's Excellence Award. These schools have met all state and federal accountability benchmarks, and have made significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities set by the Virginia Board of Education: Clara Byrd Baker Elementary, James River Elementary, Matoaka Elementary, Matthew Whaley Elementary, and Stonehouse Elementary.

Two WJCC schools were recognized for receiving the Virginia Board of Education's Competence to Excellence Award. To earn this award, these schools met all state and federal benchmarks for at least two consecutive years, and make progress toward the goals of Governor's and Board of Education's awards: Jamestown High School and Rawls Byrd Elementary.

Federal Relations Network Conference – Board member Elise Emanuel reported that she and Board Chair Ruth Larson attended the recent Federal Relations Network Conference, where the issues of the "Kings Dominion" Law and "No Child Left Behind" legislation were discussed. Ms. Emanuel encouraged citizens to write to their elected officials, asking them to support the Secondary Education Act which would address both of these issues.

Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Steve Kutno of the Public Consulting Group presented the Strategic Plan Interim Report, which provides an analysis of all the results of the community forums, focus groups and online survey that had taken place during the past three months to gather public input for WJCC's five-year Strategic Plan initiative. The report is available online. Dr. Kutno reminded the Board that the Interim Report was a "launching point" toward the establishment of specific goals and an eventual action plan. The 15-

member Strategic Plan Steering Committee would begin the next phase of the process with its scheduled meeting of Feb. 8.

Proposed Agenda Items – The Board approved the following items for inclusion on its Feb. 21 regular meeting agenda for final action and adoption:

–School Board Code of Conduct.

–School Calendar for 2012-13. A major change: Consolidation of "early release days" so that they are the same for elementary, middle and high schools, and moving them from Fridays to Wednesdays to avoid so many absences.

–Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive Program. Human Resources Senior Director Jon Andre stated that the goals of the program include encouraging a healthy rate of attrition and saving money in a particularly tight budget year.

–Revision of Policy JEA, School Attendance.

–Revision of Policy JGD, Student Discipline: Reports of Certain Acts to Parents, School Officials, and Police

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

"Dialogue With WJCC Leadership," sponsored by PTA Council, Monday, Feb. 20, Berkeley Middle School, 1118 Ironbound Road.

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., James City County Government Complex, 101-F Mounts Bay Road, Board Room.

Work Session: Tuesday, March 6, 7 p.m., James City County Government Complex, 101-F Mounts Bay Road, Board Room.

Joint Meeting (WJCC School Board, Williamsburg City Council, James City County Board of Supervisors), Wednesday, March 7, 8 a.m., James City County Law Enforcement Center, 4600 Opportunity Way.

