

9. CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR WHRO PIONEER AWARDS

Attached for your reference please find correspondence from WHRO relative to their seventh annual Pioneer Awards dinner, which is scheduled for April 24, 2010. They'll be recognizing two former Governor(s): the Honorable Timothy M. Kaine and his father-in-law, the Honorable A. Linwood Holton, Jr.

Among other things, WHRO provides K-12 educational services to 17 public school divisions throughout Hampton Roads, including Southampton County. Teachers can search and stream tens of thousands of SOL correlated video clips "on-demand", view broadcast instructional television schedules and related materials, find high-quality lesson plans, explore online curriculum, link to educational resources from area cultural institutions, and learn about K-12 Internet services. In addition, their Consortium for Interactive Instruction provides dozens of professional development opportunities ranging from face-to-face hands-on workshops, to web based courses, to live two-way videoconferencing, to "blended" classes incorporating a combination of delivery modes.

In addition, students of all ages use WHRO every single day to make sense of the world around them so they can succeed in whatever they do. Whether it's the latest news from around the world, advice on getting ahead in the workplace, studying for the GED, or quality children's programming, WHRO has something for everyone - and it's free for anyone with a television.

They are again seeking your sponsorship — the Board has contributed \$2,500 each of the last five years. There are no funds included in the FY 2010 annual budget for this purpose.

MOTION REQUIRED:

If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to specially appropriate \$2,500 to WHRO for the 7th Annual Pioneer Awards Dinner.