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Minutes of February 28, 1952

Present were Mrs. Bartlett, Chairman, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Holland, and Judge Gardiner. Also present was Dr. Williams, the Director.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the February 14 meeting were adopted as submitted to the members of the Board by mail.

Mrs. Holland moved and Judge Gardiner seconded a motion to approve expenditures from the General Fund covered by Checks 2519 - 2532 inclusive, from the School Counseling Fund covered by Checks 269 - 273 inclusive, and from the Trustee Accounts Fund covered by Checks 6 and 7. The motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Judge Gardiner moved, Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion that Mrs. Dame's salary for part-time service be authorized as \$150 per month, subject to review on June 1. The motion carried.

Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion to authorize purchase of a bookcase, if Judge Gardiner and Dr. Williams are unsuccessful in getting one furnished by the County. The motion carried.

The financial support of the School Counseling Service and of additional units was discussed. Dr. Williams was authorized to write to the Junior League, if requested by the League, requesting such additional service as may be needed for expanding the present unit to include additional schools, and for help with another unit in cooperation with the Board of Public Instruction.

The Board discussed the January Activities Reports and ordered them filed.

The Director reported on a conference held recently with the agencies using foster homes in Pinellas County. This conference raised questions as to the adequacy of the present rate for foster family care for infants and adolescents. Complaints had been received that foster parents were having to expend their own funds to give children sufficient food and meet other necessary expenses resulting from their care of foster children.

He also reported that a study is being made of the actual cost to the foster parents of boarding children.

There was some discussion relative to the need for the Children's Service Bureau's continuing with adoption placements in the light of establishment in Pinellas County of a branch office of the Florida Children's Home Society.

Concern was expressed by the Board over the prevalence of independent adoption placements which reduce the number of children available by adoption agencies and increase the waiting time of applicants for children. This in turn discourages applicants who then take children through independent placements, still further reducing the number available for placement through adoption agencies.

The next meeting will be held in Clearwater on March 13 at 10 A. M.

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