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Meeting of October 9, 1952

Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Bartlett, chairman; Mrs. Strickland, secretary; Mrs. Holland, Mr. Christian, and Dr. Williams, Director.

The minutes of the meeting of September 25, 1952 were approved as submitted to the membership by mail.

Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion that expenditures as covered by checks 2838-2859 in the General Operating Fund, and checks 324-326 in the In-School Counseling Account and check No. 12 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment. Motion carried.

A letter from Mrs. Meador in regard to her inability to continue as a board member during another term, but expressing willingness to attend until her successor is appointed was read.

A letter from Mr. Bogue regarding the Study of Commitments, and a report from the Children's Commission regarding the Florida Farm Colony were read and ordered filed.

Mrs. Mildred Mount, supervisor of the Child Welfare Unit, gave an extensive report on the Child Welfare Unit activities for 1951-52. She reported 309 children to whom services were given, the nature of service requested, the source of the request, the cost of this service, the number of days of child care given during the year, the amount spent on shelter care for the Board. This information will be included in the annual report of the Board. In addition, Mrs. Mount described in some detail the needs and developments in the cases of 18 children who had been in foster care for more than one year. These 18 children represented 10 families.

Mrs. Strickland moved and Mrs. Holland seconded the motion that the balance remaining in the Junior Service League of Clearwater account for Lucy Courtier be returned to the League at their request. Motion carried.

The Director read a letter from the Children's Service Bureau in regard to Johnny Brodnax's need for private school placement. He told of the examinations and conferences which have taken place in an effort to determine the needs of this very disturbed boy. He recommended that the Board provide tuition and necessary expenses for Johnny to attend a private school in St. Petersburg with the Children's Service Bureau retaining supervision and making monthly reports on Johnny's progress. Mrs. Strickland moved that the Director's recommendations be followed. Mrs. Holland seconded the motion which was carried.

Mrs. Bartlett pointed out that this was the time for annual election of officers for the Board and requested that elections take place for chairman during the coming year. Mrs. Holland nominated Mrs. Strickland to be chairman, and Mrs. Strickland was elected by those present subject to approval by majority vote of the Board.

A discussion was held regarding reported unsatisfactory behavior on the part of the psychologist and the secretary of the In-School Counseling Project, and a tentative resolution was drawn up for consideration by the Board. This was held in abeyance pending a hearing to be held by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board at which the persons mentioned will appear.

Meeting was adjourned until Thursday, October 23, in Clearwater.