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Meeting of June 25, 1953
Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Strickland, Chairman; Commissioner Parry, Secretary; Judge Gardiner, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Holland and the Director, Dr. Williams.

Motion: Minutes
Mrs. Harrison made a motion that the minutes of the June 11 meeting be approved. Mrs. Holland seconded the motion which carried.

Motion: Expenditures
Mrs. Holland moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion that expenditures as covered by checks Nos. 3150 - 3167 in the General Operating Account, checks Nos. 4115 - 4118 in the In-School Counseling Account, and check No. 14 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment. Motion carried.

The Director read reports from the Florida Christian Academy and from Mrs. Dame regarding Sandra. These reports showed that Sandra had completed the ninth grade and finished the tenth grade during the past school year. She was promoted to the eleventh grade at the end of the period. In addition to this, Sandra had earned about one fourth of her expenses by carrying her work load. The girl herself reported that had it not been for the interest and support of the Juvenile Welfare Board worker and the Board, she would have "gone down the wrong road." Sandra is now a resident of Miami and no longer a responsibility of the Juvenile Welfare Board, but the Board suggested that arrangements be made by Mrs. Dame for a follow up with one of the social agencies in Miami so that the girl would have some resource upon which to call for help in case of need.

An outstanding example of the work of a teacher with a very difficult youngster was read by the secretary.

Motion: Letter of Commendation
Commissioner Parry moved that Mrs. Lillian Bright, teacher of Johnny, be sent a letter commending her highly for her patience and interest. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Holland and carried unanimously.

There was a discussion of activities reports for May. In view of the discussion about the increase in juvenile delinquency, a comparative report was submitted by the Director giving figures since 1949 for the first eight months of each year. This report showed that the first eight months of 1952-53 showed a 6 per cent decrease in the number of new delinquent cases as compared with the average for the previous three years, and a 20 per cent decrease in traffic cases. The Board entered into a discussion with Judge Gardiner regarding the letters to the Board of County Commissioners and his requests for a detention institution.

Mrs. Holland presented to the Board a plan for the addition of a number of advisory members to the Juvenile Welfare Board, these members to include representatives from various groups such as the PTA and Mental Health Society, and interested, experienced, retired persons familiar with the field of child welfare. The Board expressed its approval of the idea and plans to consider the matter further.

Mrs. Holland asked for a report on the letter to the Pinellas County Medical Society and the Director reported that he had not received any acknowledgment of his letter but would follow up on it.

The meeting adjourned until July 9, 1953.

Secretary

Sidney S. Parry