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Meeting in Clearwater
June 3, 1965

PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Instruction, Floyd T. Christian, who acted as Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Mrs. Glen Keys. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Don Sellas, Chief Counselor, Juvenile Court of Pinellas County.

MOTION Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the May 6 meeting.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for May
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for May: Checks #38 through #65. Also checks #17, 26, 32, 33, 34, and 35, representing adjustments in May salaries.

MOTION Approval of Salary Checks for June, July, and August
Mrs. Keys moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for June, July, and August of 1965, on the condition of the completion of satisfactory service.

The financial reports and statements for May 1965 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck announced that the Burroughs-Todd facsimile signature machine had been received and used for the May checks.

A letter from Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Director of District #4, State Department of Public Welfare was read. Mrs. Irwin stated that there was a critical shortage in foster care funds because of an unprecedented increase in the number of children in care.

MOTION Transfer of $14,000 from Contingency Fund to Foster Care
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to transfer $14,000 from Contingency Fund to Foster Care. This sum with $4,000 balance in the foster care account will make available $18,000 for the last four months of the fiscal year, or $4,500 a month over the present allocation of $22,500.

Dr. Finck read a report to the Board about the satisfactory academic progress by Dorothy Mercer, a child in foster care.

MOTION Approval of Employment of Full-time Secretary
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to begin the employment of a full-time secretary at $3,600 a year, when a suitable person can be found. This employment could be ahead of the new budget beginning October 1.

MOTION Endorsement of CACEP Program
Mrs. Keys moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve sending a letter endorsing the CACEP Program and offering the continued cooperation of the Juvenile Welfare Board.
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to appoint Mrs. Menabelle G. Dame, as Acting Director, during the absence of Dr. Finck, from June 21 to August 20, 1965.

Dr. Finck reported that Judge Patterson would be attending an Institute for Juvenile Court Judges at the University of Minnesota, beginning June 10, 1965. The article in the May Journal of Marriage and the Family by Dr. Finck, Mrs. Reiner, and Mr. Smith, "Group Counseling with Unmarried Mothers", was shown to the members of the Board. Dr. Finck announced that Miss Jefferson and Miss McDowell would be helping with the intensive Training Program for teachers in the Head Start Program, and that Miss Jefferson had been asked to come to a meeting in Washington, on June 5, to discuss acting as a national consultant for the Head Start Program with visits to five centers during the summer months. Dr. Finck also stated that the Juvenile Welfare Board had received an award from the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children for distinguished services to these children in our County. An inquiry had been received from the Alameda County of California Court about the programs of the Juvenile Welfare Board, and asked for further information after reading the article in Crime and Delinquency for July 1964. Dr. Finck also announced that the Juvenile Welfare Board amendment had been passed by the Legislature as submitted.

Mr. Don Sellas, Chief Counselor for the Juvenile Court, presented a program of foster care for children to be administered by the Court, and asked the Juvenile Welfare Board to consider funds to support this program. The Board decided that this matter should be discussed further by Judge Patterson, Mr. Sellas, and Dr. Finck.

The activities reports for the month of April were reviewed by the Board.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held on Thursday, September 2, in the School Administration Building.

Virginia D. Harrison
Secretary