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Meeting in Clearwater
May 5, 1966

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Glen Keys, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction James A. Gollattscheck; Juvenile Judge William A. Patterson; and County Commissioner Robert L. Weatherly. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Robert H. Vellekamp, Executive Director Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Children; Mrs. Flowers and Mrs. Morell of the Junior Service League.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Dr. Gollattscheck seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the April 7 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for April
Mrs. Keys moved, and Dr. Gollattscheck seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for April:
Checks #742, and #745 through #777.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for May
Dr. Gollattscheck moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for May, 1966, on condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial report and statement for April, 1966, were reviewed by the Board.

The report of children in foster care for March, 1966, was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck drew the Board's attention to United States Senate Bill No. 2951 which would authorize Federal payments of 50% for foster care and 75% for the administration of child welfare services. It was suggested that copies of this legislation be secured from Senator Harrison Williams and distributed to the Board Members.

Mr. Vellekamp presented the request of the Play Parc School for Retarded Children for $3,516.00 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1966. He stated that there were eight children unable to pay in full or in part for day care, the cost of which at Play Parc was $10.00 a week for a 19-week year.

MOTION
Inclusion of Funds for Play Parc in 1966-67 Budget
Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to include the sum of $3,516.00 as requested for Play Parc School for Retarded Children in the 1966-67 budget of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

The total 1966-67 budget was then discussed by the Board and the various items were explained by Dr. Finck. The budget as presented without the request for funds for Play Parc would require a gross ad valorem tax of $646,757.54 or .55936 mills. This tax would be .025% mills less than the 1965-66 budget. Dr. Finck stated that the decrease in the tax levy would be nearly 6%.

Following the discussion of the budget, Mrs. Harrison moved to accept the budget as presented with the inclusion of the request for Play Parc, and this motion was seconded by Dr. Gollattscheck. Commissioner Weatherly asked for more time to study the budget and, particularly, the request of the State Department of Public Welfare for additional staff. In response to this request, Mrs. Harrison and Dr. Gollattscheck withdrew their motion.
MOTION
Consideration of 1966-67 Budget

Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that the approval of the 1966-67 budget be an agenda item for the month of June.

MOTION
Payment of Conference Fees for State Department Child Welfare Division and Juvenile Welfare Board Staff

Commissioner Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for the payment of conference fees and mileage for the staff of the Child Welfare Division, who are paid by Juvenile Welfare Board funds, and for the Juvenile Welfare Board staff to attend the Florida Conference of Social Welfare in Clearwater May 11 through 13.

Dr. Finck showed Board members the article "Conflict in Marriage Following Premarital Pregnancy" published in the April 1966 issue of the American Journal of Orthopsychiatry. Copies of a Journal press release were distributed to the members of the Board.

Dr. Finck reported briefly on the meetings of the American Orthopsychiatric Association in San Francisco April 13 to 16, and of the American Association of Marriage Counselors in Kansas City April 17.

MOTION
Professional Leave and Travel Time for Dr. Finck

Dr. Gollattscheck moved, and Commissioner Weatherly seconded a motion which carried, to approve Dr. Finck's request for five days of professional leave and seven days of travel time in order for him to attend the Sixth International Congress of Child Psychiatry and Allied Professions, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 24 - 29, 1966.

There was discussion of the article in the St. Petersburg Times on May 3rd concerning a children's institution to be built in Safety Harbor. Questions were raised about the way in which this institution could be licensed and operated. Dr. Gollattscheck recommended that Dr. Finck confer with the Reverend Mr. Leonard and, if he wished, arrange a meeting between the State Department of Public Welfare staff and a representative of the Juvenile Court.

The Activities Reports for the month of April were reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, June 2nd, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.

[Signature]
Martha Keys
Mrs. Glen Keys
Secretary