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Meeting of April 16, 1958

Held in Clearwater

Present: The Reverend Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison who acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Strickland; Mrs. Holland and Commissioner Evan Jenkins. Also present were the Director, Dr. Williams, and Dr. Finck.

MOTION Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved that the minutes of the Board meeting of March 19 be approved as submitted to the members by mail. Mr. Jenkins seconded the motion which carried.

MOTION Expenditures
Mrs. Jenkins moved and Mrs. Harrison seconded the motion that expenditures for March 31 and April 15, 1958, as listed on checks #5434 through #5481 in the General Operating Account and check #68 in the Trustee Accounts be approved for payment. The motion carried.

There was discussion of the Financial Report and the report on foster home care of children. The reports were ordered filed.

There was also some discussion about the requirement of the Board of Education and the individual schools in the education system requiring the Juvenile Welfare Board to pay fees for children under its care and whose parents are unable to pay for the same. Most of these children are in foster homes and their care and support are provided for by the Juvenile Welfare Board. It was suggested that Mr. Christian be informed of this discussion and that this matter be placed on the agenda for the May meeting and that he be requested to attend the meeting if at all possible.

MOTION Finance Report
The finance report was accepted by the Board on motion of Mrs. Holland and seconded by Mr. Jenkins. The motion carried.

The Director reported that the money previously invested in United States Certificates of Indebtedness was reinvested but at a lower rate than was available at the time of the original investment.

A report of the number of children in foster care for February showed that the number of children was reduced from 100 the previous month to 94 in February and that the cost of care per child was also reduced over the cost in January. The report also showed that collections for February of $1,416.33 was approximately the same per child and per day of care as was true for the previous month.

The Director reported on the purchase of furniture through the Board of Education and showed that the furniture purchased so far amounted to $597.95. This does not include the three filing cabinets and some book cases the price of which had not been determined at the time of the order.

In the review of the Activities Reports there was some discussion of the seminar to be held for the ministers in marriage and family counseling under the direction of Dr. Finck. The Rev. Coleman reported that at a local meeting of the Upper Pinellas Ministerial Association great interest had been shown and it was apparent that attendance at such a seminar would be sufficient to warrant giving a seminar in Upper Pinellas County for the group.

The Board considered a budget which was presented as a preliminary budget for 1958-1959 and approved the budget as submitted by the Director.
In introducing the budget, Dr. Williams informed the Board of his intention to retire in July. The Board expressed its regret but moved to accept the plan of retirement as submitted by Dr. Williams.

The Board also passed a motion appointing Dr. Finck as the Director upon the retirement of Dr. Williams with a recommended salary of $8,400 per year.

There was much discussion of the License Board need for an executive secretary and staff and approval was given to the inclusion of the necessary expenses in the budget of the Juvenile Welfare Board during the coming fiscal year until legislative approval could be secured for the independent support of the License Board.

(At the May 21, 1958, meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board, the above action was amended to read as follows: "approval was given to the inclusion of the necessary expense in the budget of the Juvenile Welfare Board during the remainder of this fiscal year and until legislative approval can be secured for the independent support of the License Board.")

There being no further business the Board adjourned its meeting and assigned May 21 as the date of the next meeting.

Mrs. Baya Harrison
Secretary, pro tem