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In the committee meeting room of the County Commissioners Building in Clearwater.

Present: County Commissioner Evan R. Jenkins who acted as chairman in the absence of the Rev. Mr. Coleman; Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Strickland, secretary; and Judge Parks. Also present were the Director, Dr. Finck, and Miss Jefferson, executive secretary of the Pinellas County License Board.

MOTION
Mrs. Holland moved and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried to approve the minutes of the June 18, 1958, meeting.

MOTION
Judge Parks moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried that the expenditures listed on checks #5588 through #5615 and #5616 through #5642 in the General Operating Account and check #70 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment.

The financial report for June, 1958, and the report of children in foster care for June, 1958, were reviewed by the Board.

Dr. Finck introduced Miss Ruth Jefferson, executive secretary for the Pinellas County License Board for Day Nurseries and Foster Family Homes.

Dr. Finck reported that the announced yield of 1/3 mill would be approximately $5,000 less than the amount estimated by the Board. He stated that $25,000 had been re-invested in 3/4% Treasury notes.

The situation of Dale Webb, a child in foster care living temporarily with his grandmother, was discussed and the Board agreed to continue the $1.00 a week allowance to him during this period. Dr. Finck reported that the special housekeeping service for the Cushing children was continued for about three and one half weeks until their relatives were able to complete arrangements for their living in Alabama. Dr. Finck stated that it would be necessary to advance additional, but already budgeted, funds to the State Department of Public Welfare to meet the increased needs for foster care.

Dr. Finck discussed the needs for additional staff for marriage counseling and the Board agreed that either a clinical psychologist or a social worker could be hired first, depending on the availability of personnel.

MOTION
Judge Parks moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve payment of Dr. Finck's expenses to attend the American Psychological Association meeting in Washington on August 28 if he should need to do so to interview prospective staff.
The Board discussed the question of the use of Dr. Williams's services and the source of funds for payment. It was decided to postpone discussion until Dr. Williams and the Reverend Coleman return.

Dr. Finck reported that additional foster homes for Negro children had been developed in the upper County.

Dr. Finck reported on the situation for office housing in Clearwater and stated that, if the Juvenile Welfare Board shared offices with the Child Guidance Clinic, it would be expected that, in addition to a share of the rent, a separate telephone would be maintained.

The activities reports were reviewed and Judge Parks discussed the general situation the Juvenile Court was encountering, including the lack of office space in Clearwater. He discussed the needs for the hospital care of disturbed children and the possibilities of securing and staffing a building for this purpose. The Board expressed concern about the cost of maintaining and staffing this kind of facility, and Dr. Finck was requested to investigate what arrangements were made for these children at Tampa Municipal Hospital.

Since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on September 17, 1958.

Kathleen E. Strickland,
Secretary

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