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MEETING, January 21, 1959

Held in Clearwater

PRESENT: Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr., who acted as Chairman in the temporary absence of the Rev. Robert E. Coleman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland, Commissioner Charles R. Fischer, the Rev. Robert E. Coleman, Jr. Also present, Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mrs. Elouise Irwin, Director, State Department of Public Welfare, District #4; Mrs. Priscilla Colby, Supervisor, Child Welfare Unit; Chairman of County Commissioners, A. L. Anderson.

The minutes of the meeting of December 17, 1958, were accepted as submitted to the Board by mail.

MOTION
EXPENDITURES

Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion, which passed, to approve the expenditures listed on checks #5936 through #5976 under dates December 17, 1958, through January 15, 1959, and check #72 in the Trustee Account.

This approval included the investment of \$24,630 through the First National Bank (check #5976) of 180 day U.S. Government notes, which would bring an interest rate of 2.95 percent. The financial statements for the month of December, 1958, were reviewed by the Board and accepted.

The reports of the children in foster care as corrected for the month of November and for the month of December, 1958, were reviewed.

The Director announced that Dr. and Mrs. Oxford had requested persons to send money to the Juvenile Welfare Board in lieu of flowers at the time of the funeral of their son, Randy.

MOTION
APPRECIATION TO
DR. AND MRS. OXFORD

The Director was instructed to write to Dr. and Mrs. Oxford to express the Board's appreciation of their interest in children who are supported through the Board.

MOTION
POLICY STATEMENT
IN REGARD TO
FOSTER CARE
PAYMENTS

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion, which carried, that the Board adopt the following statement in regard to payments for children in foster care: "Payments for foster care will be made by the Juvenile Welfare Board only in behalf of children who have been placed by the State Department of Public Welfare, District #4, or by a licensed child placing agency. Exceptions to this policy must have prior approval by the Board or, in emergencies, by a majority of the Board members."

Mrs. Colby reported on the foster home program of the Child Welfare Unit in the State Department of Public Welfare. She gave many interesting and effective examples of the work that is being done in the placement of children and illustrations of the kinds of situations which require children

to be placed in foster care. Mrs. Irwin discussed the financing of the service to children and pointed out that the needs for this service had greatly increased within the past two years and especially over the preceding months. The amount expended by the State Department of Public Welfare during the months of October, November and December was approximately \$3,200.00 more than the amount received by that organization from the Board and the working balance of the State Department of Public Welfare was rapidly being exhausted. The Board discussed the situation and instructed the Director to consider to prepare for the next meeting of the Board some plans by which monies could be transferred from other budget items to Foster Care in order to meet this emergency.

Advance copies of the Eleventh Annual Report were distributed to the Board members during the meeting. The Board instructed the Director to thank Mr. Flanagan for his help in reviewing the report and making suggestions for its improvement.

The Board considered the change in date for the meeting and consulted with the members concerned about a convenient time.

MOTION
CHANGE OF DATE
FOR BOARD MEETINGS

Mrs. Holland moved and the Rev. Mr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, that the Juvenile Welfare Board meetings be held on the first Thursday of each month. The Director was instructed to consult with Mr. Floyd Christian to determine whether this change would be convenient for him. The Board also decided that the checks for foster care through the State Department of Public Welfare would be prepared for this Board meeting on February 5 and each first Thursday thereafter in order that the State Department of Public Welfare might have this check available for their payments on the 10th of each month.

MOTION
DENTAL AND MEDICAL
FOR CHILDREN IN
FOSTER CARE

The question of dental care for Russell Oppenlander, a child in foster care with the State Department of Public Welfare, was discussed by the Board. The Rev. Mr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Fischer seconded the motion, which passed, that the Director contact the Dental Association about dental care for children receiving foster care through the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Mrs. Strickland moved, and the Rev. Coleman seconded a motion, which passed, that the Director consult with the Medical Association about medical services for children in foster care.

The Rev. Mr. Coleman, speaking on behalf of the Board, welcomed Commissioner Fischer who is returning to the Board as the Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Board will be on February 5, 1959.

Kathleen E. Strickland

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Secretary