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Meeting in Clearwater
November 7, 1968

PRESENT: Reverend Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Juvenile Court Judge Jack M. Page. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; and Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D., Marriage and Family Counselor, Juvenile Welfare Board.

MOTION Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 10, 1968.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for October

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for October: Checks #3038 through #3134 dated October 31; Checks #3158 and #3159 dated October 29; and Checks #3136 through #3169 dated November 7; and Check #3170 dated November 30, 1968.

MOTION Approval of Salaries for November

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for November 1968 on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

Dr. Finck presented a memorandum recommending a one step or 5% cost of living increase for the ten salaried employees of the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes. He stated that the Personnel Department of the Board of County Commissioners had made a study of cost of living increase and, on the basis of an approximate 5% increase in cost of living items, had recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that a one step or 5% raise be given to all County employees. The raise for County employees was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on July 18, 1968. Dr. Finck stated that since we use the Pay and Classification Plan of the Board of County Commissioners, it would be reasonable to follow whatever recommendations the Board of County Commissioners approves to modify this Pay and Classification Plan.

MOTION Approval of Cost of Living Increases for Juvenile Welfare Board and License Board Employees

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve one step or 5% raises for Juvenile Welfare Board and License Board employees effective November 1, 1968 with new salaries as follows: Director, $13,081.25; Administrative Secretary, $6,274.13; Counselor, $10,897.47; Counselor, $10,418.07; Counselor, $9,980.50; Counselor, $5,089.92; Secretary, $4,671.63; Director of License Board, $10,199.83; Assistant Director of License Board, $7,749.74; Secretary, License Board, $5,031.25. The motion also included the authority to transfer from Contingency Fund to Administration Salaries, Marriage and Family Counseling, and License Board the sum of $3,504.91 necessary to effect the salary increases itemized above.

The financial statements for fiscal 1967 and 1968 and for the month of October 1968 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck announced that there were at the end of September 1968, $39,479.37 in unexpended balances.
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to transfer unexpended balances for fiscal 1967-1968 amounting to $39,479.37 to the Contingency Fund.

Dr. Finck announced that he had been able to secure $850.00 from Colonial Dodge for the 1966 Falcon, the sale of which the Board had previously authorized.

Dr. Finck announced that the First National Bank in Tarpon Springs had offered the highest proposal for the investment of the Board's funds in Certificates of Deposit as follows: One year, 5 5/8%; six months, 5 3/8%; and three months, 5 1/8%. Total interest for the $400,000 to be invested would be $12,281.25.

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the initial investment of $100,000 in a Certificate of Deposit for one year at 5 5/8% in the First National Bank in Tarpon Springs.

Dr. Finck presented the final report of the trust funds for the year of 1967-68 and announced that henceforth these funds would be included in the regular budget as a part of the Contingency Fund.

Dr. Finck announced that a satisfied client had contributed $300 after using the Marriage and Family Counseling service. This money had been presented to the Board without condition for its use. Dr. Finck read a letter from the State Department of Public Welfare indicating the need of children in foster care for clothing and incidental expenses at Christmas.

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the recommendation to use the $300 contribution for clothing and other incidental expenses at Christmastime for the children in foster care and to pay this amount to the State Department of Public Welfare, Child Welfare Division.

The reports of children in foster care for the fiscal year 1967-68 and for September 1968 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck also presented graphs for the number of children in care, the days of care, and the net cost of foster care for the four years 1964-68. Dr. Finck pointed out how the Protective Services had been able to effect a relative stabilization of the costs of children in foster care as well as rapid and more effective service.

Dr. Finck read a letter from Mrs. Mary Jane Gourley, Secretary of the Child Care Committee, thanking the Board for making available to them the services of Mr. William E. Neet as a Marriage and Family Counselor to work with the parents and children of the Community Day North and South day nurseries.

Dr. Finck introduced Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D., Marriage and Family Counselor of the Juvenile Welfare Board, and stated that Dr. Edwards had recently been elected to Associate membership in the American Association of Marriage Counselors. Dr. Edwards told the Board about some of the work that he was doing in family therapy, in premarital counseling, in the types of cases he saw, about the emergencies which he had to deal with on a crisis intervention basis, and about the need for
family life education in the schools. There was considerable discussion on the part of the Board as to whether the staff could devise a plan for working with the schools and with young people in the schools in this area. It was agreed that Dr. Finck should discuss the matter with Dr. Thomas B. Southard, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Activities Reports for the month of October, 1968 were reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on Thursday, December 5, 1968, in the County Office Building, Clearwater, at 9:30 A.M.

Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary