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Meeting in Clearwater

April 5, 1962

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Gus Sakkis, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Robert Jagger, Public Defender; and Mr. William A. Patterson, Candidate for the Republican nomination for Juvenile Court judge.

The minutes of the March 1st meeting were accepted as distributed.

MOTION Approval of Checks

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: checks #8264 through #8273 dated March 30, drawn on the Bank of Clearwater; checks #8283 through #8315 dated March 30, drawn on the Central Plaza Bank; check #8316 dated April 2, 1962; withdrawal of $10.00 from Trust Fund savings account.

The financial reports for the month of February were reviewed by the Board and filed as approved.

Mr. Robert Jagger, Public Defender, discussed the plans of the Northside Optimist Club for a boys' ranch or boys' town on a tract of land leased by the County Commissioners for "the underprivileged youth of Pinellas County". Mr. Jagger stated that the Northside Optimist Club was in the process of establishing a board of directors which would formulate plans for the operation of this facility, and the members of the Juvenile Welfare Board expressed their interest and concern about these plans.

Mr. William A. Patterson, candidate for the Republican nomination for Juvenile Court Judge, was introduced to the members of the Board and spoke briefly.

The Board reviewed the report of children in foster care for the month of February. Dr. Finck explained the special request for the continuation of foster care for Fred Hames Robitschek, who plans to attend Junior College.

MOTION Extension of Foster Care for Fred Hames Robitschek

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care for Fred Hames Robitschek during his first year in Junior College, provided that he attains satisfactory academic grades.

The request from the Child Guidance Clinic for various salary adjustments was reviewed by the Board.

MOTION Approval of Salary Increase for Miss Margaret Green

Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the increase in salary for Miss Margaret Green, from $6,600 to $6,840 per year, effective May, the anniversary date of her employment.

MOTION Appointment of Miss Patricia Colebank

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the employment of Miss Patricia Colebank at a beginning salary of $6,480, effective April, 1962.
MOTION
Salary increases for Mr. Mechem, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Pieper

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to approve the regular annual salary increments for Mr. Mechem, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Pieper, effective July 1962, anniversary dates of their employments.

Dr. Coleman appointed a budget committee for the 1962-1963 budget, consisting of Mrs. Holland, Mr. Christian, and himself. Dr. Finck read a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners about the tax rate for the coming year.

Dr. Finck reported on responses to the 14th Annual Report of the Juvenile Welfare Board, and read a note from Mrs. John Strickland, former Board member.

Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Dame and Mr. Smith had been admitted to membership in the American Association of Marriage Counselors. He also announced that he had been elected a member of the American Orthopsychiatric Association. The question of vacation leave for Dr. Finck was discussed, and the Board agreed that plans would be worked out to include professional leave in addition to his vacation leave for his proposed trip to Europe.

The Board took no action on a nomination for the Community Welfare Council Annual Award.

Mr. Christian and Mrs. Holland both spoke in appreciation of contributions to the welfare of children made by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be May 3, 1962.