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Meeting in Clearwater  
January 10, 1963

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Acting Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director, and Mr. William Patterson, Judge-elect of the Pinellas County Juvenile Court.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the December 13th meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Checks as listed
Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: check #8669 dated November 30th; and checks #8670 through #8712 dated December 31st, 1962.

The financial reports for the month of December were reviewed by the Board. The Board also reviewed the report of children in foster care for the month of November, and Dr. Finck stated that the unusual expenses for the previous month of October had been the result of the purchase of supplies and clothing for school.

Dr. Finck presented a request from the Child Welfare Unit of the State Department of Public Welfare for the continued payments in foster care for Sharon Isham until she completes high school in June, 1963. Dr. Finck also stated that a request was made to pay $15.00 for the pre-registration of Sharon for the nurses training course at St. Petersburg Junior College.

MOTION
Extension of Foster Care and Payment of Pre-registration Fee for Sharon Isham
Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuance in foster care of Sharon Isham, and to pay the pre-registration fee for the nurses training course at the St. Petersburg Junior College.

Dr. Finck announced that the appointments for Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Holland would terminate in February 1963; he was instructed by the Board to contact the Chairman of the Governor's Committee for Pinellas County, and request him to ask the Governor to re-appoint Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Holland.

Dr. Finck explained the principal aspects of the Major Medical Insurance plan, adopted by the County, and set up by the Crown Life Insurance Company. Since under this plan no employee would be allowed to accumulate more than 12 days of sick leave, a discussion developed the question of whether this was an adequate amount for employees of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

MOTION
Adoption of Amendment to Sick Leave Policy
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to strike from the existing sick leave policy the sentences "Sick leave with pay is accrued by all employees at the rate of one day for each calendar month of service. A maximum credit for such leave may be accrued," and to substitute as follows: "Sick leave with pay is accrued by all employees at the rate of one day for each calendar month during the first year of employment. After the first year of employment, six days of unused sick leave may be added to the em-
ployee's accrued total of sick leave to a maximum of 36 days. However, employees who have accumulated sick leave in the period preceding October 1, 1962, will be allowed to keep this time.

After our office receives the disabled employee's compensation check from the Crown Life Insurance Company, the amount of this compensation will be subtracted from the employee's next pay check and the compensation check given to the employee.

Dr. Finck reported that a letter had been received from Dr. A. J. Sellas, Chief Counselor of the Juvenile Court of Pinellas County, in regard to the expenses of the two Veard children. These children had been held by the Circuit Court of Pinellas County as witnesses for the first degree murder of their father, and were placed by the Police Department in the home of a neighbor and friend of the family pending the trial. When the trial was delayed, the neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Kronz, incurred expenses for these children and applied to the Juvenile Court for help. The Court was able to secure a food order from the County Welfare Department for the support of these children beginning in the week of December 31st, 1962, but the Kronz's also asked that they be reimbursed for actual cash spent for these children in the amount of $31.15 for school lunches and other expenses. Mr. Sellas requested the Juvenile Welfare Board to make this payment.

MOTION
Approval of Payment for Veard Children

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that the sum of $31.15 be paid from the Juvenile Welfare Trust Funds to Mr. Harold W. Kronz in behalf of Francis J. Veard, Jr.; and Charmaine A. Veard.

Dr. Finck stated that the article which he had written for the Danish magazine, Børnesagens Tidende, was included in the material presented the Board on this date.

Dr. Finck announced also that Mr. Charles Blake, the regional representative of the Florida Children's Commission, had visited the Board office recently and had expressed a wish to be present at the Board meeting today to explain the current programs of the Florida Children's Commission.

MOTION
Authorization of Signatures for Bank Accounts

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the signatures of Mr. A. L. Anderson, Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; Judge Charles O. Parks, Jr., Juvenile Court Judge; Floyd T. Christian, Superintendent of Public Instruction; and George H. Finck, Director, of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the Board accounts at the Central Plaza Bank, and the Union Trust Company.

Dr. Finck announced to the Board that he had received during the last two months reports from the Juvenile Court, giving statistics about the number of cases handled and the number of children detained by the Court. There was considerable discussion about the need for detention facilities, and it was suggested by Mr. Christian that Chief E. Wilson Purdy of St. Petersburg, Chief Willis Booth of Clearwater, and Sheriff Don Genung be invited to attend the Board's next meeting on Thursday, February 7th.

There was discussion by the Board of some way in which to recognize the unusual and public-spirited services of Mr. Leonard J. Cooperman for all of the legal work
and other advice that he has given to the Board and Staff. It was suggested that Dr. Finck explore the possibility of the presentation of an award to Mr. Cooperman at the annual meeting of the Community Welfare Council.

The activities reports for the month of December were reviewed.

Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held Thursday, February 7th, in the Administration Building of the Board of Public Instruction, Clearwater.

Virginia D. Harrison
Acting Secretary