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Meeting in Clearwater
November 7, 1963

PRESENT: Judge William A. Patterson, Chairman; Mrs. H. W. Holland, who acted as Secretary; County Commissioner, A. L. Anderson; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes of October 3 Meeting

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the October 3 meeting with the correction that the special diet for Willie Mae Williams be amended to read as follows: "To approve a foster boarding rate of $75.00 a month because of the need for a special diet for Willie Mae Williams".

The procedures for the approval of payments were discussed by the Board. Dr. Finck reviewed the statements in the law concerning disbursements and also the items in the minutes which specified the particular Board members to sign checks and the counter-signature of the Director. Dr. Finck stated that it appeared as if the words "approval of checks as listed" in the previous Board agenda were incorrectly stated, since it appeared from the Act that the approval of the checks was given by the Board members designated to sign these checks, and by the signature of the Director as specified by previous Board minutes.

MOTION
Opinion of State Auditor in regard to Procedures for the Approval of Payments

Mr. Christian moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, that the Director check with the State Auditor in regard to the foregoing procedure for the approval of payments and the signing of checks.

MOTION
Approval of Checks as listed

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of checks #9119 through #9139, dated September 30, 1963, and checks #9140 through #9179, dated October 31, 1963, and the payment of $15.00 from Trust Funds to the State Department of Public Welfare. This approval was given pending the receipt of confirmation from the State Auditor in regard to the foregoing procedure for the approval of payments.

The financial reports for October 1, 1962, through September 30, 1963, and for October 1963, were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck reported that at the end of the year there had been received $23,958.68 in excess taxes, and there remained $34,283.49 from unspent budget items.

MOTION
Supplemental Budget

Mr. Anderson moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to request the Director to submit a supplemental budget at the December meeting which would add these unspent budget items and other excess receipts to the contingency fund.

Dr. Finck reported on the purchase of a four drawer file and steel cabinet through the Purchasing Department of the Board of Public Instruction. He stated that these two items were secured at a cost of $71.50, and that this represented a saving of approximately $50.00 over the prices secured by the County Purchasing Department and the Juvenile Welfare Board, including a 15% discount.
The reports of children in foster care for the period of October 1, 1962, through September 30, 1963, and for the month of September, 1963, were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that although the number of children in care during the year had increased by 44, the number of days of care had decreased by 2,740. He stated that while this decrease had saved a considerable sum of money, the really important thing was that permanent plans had been made for these children and their better care had been insured. He believed that savings in funds and the better service for children were directly related to the provision of administrative funds by the Juvenile Welfare Board to the Child Welfare Unit.

**MOTION**

**Extension of Foster Care for Mary Sapp**

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to extend foster care for Mary Sapp in order that she might complete the school program at Dixie Hollins High School in the summer of 1964.

**MOTION**

**Transfer of Funds from Contingency Account to Child Guidance Clinic**

Mr. Anderson moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to transfer the sum of $7,400 from the contingency account to the Child Guidance Clinic in order to pay a part of Dr. Free's salary. This transfer was in accordance with the plans made at the time the annual budget was adopted.

Judge Patterson reported on the visit to the County of Mr. Fred Ward, Regional Director of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. He stated that he was requesting the Juvenile Welfare Board to supply the sum of $3,800 in order to pay for a survey of Juvenile Court and other children's services by this organization.

**MOTION**

**Transfer of Funds from Contingency Account to Special Account for NCCD Survey**

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to transfer the sum of $3,800 from the contingency fund and to set up a special account for the payment of the survey to be made by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the sum of $7,50 for each of the marriage counseling staff who attend the Fall Institute of the National Association of Social Workers, November 18, in St. Petersburg.

**MOTION**

**Professional Leave for Director November 20-21**

Mr. Christian moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to grant the request of the Director for professional leave in order that he attend the meeting of the nominating committee of the National Association of Social Workers, November 20-21, New York City.

Dr. Finck announced that Mrs. Reiner would be giving a number of institutes throughout the country. On February 28, she will do an institute for the Jacksonville Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. On April 17-18, she will conduct a seminar meeting for the psychiatric staff of the University Hospital at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. On May 7 and 8, she
will do an institute on character disorders for the Association for Jewish Children in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Finck announced that the 15th Annual Report of the Juvenile Welfare Board had been mentioned in the October 1963 issue of Crime and Delinquency, the publication of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

The activities reports for the month of October 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 held Thursday, December 5, in the County Office Building in Clearwater.

Mailande W. Holland
Secretary Pro Tem