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Meeting held in Clearwater
November 5, 1959

PRESENT: The Rev. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. John Strickland, Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Holland, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Floyd T. Christian, and Juvenile Court Judge, Charles O. Parks, Jr. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director, and Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Director of Family and Children's Service, Inc. Until the arrival of The Rev. Mr. Coleman, Mr. Christian served as Chairman pro tem.

The minutes of the October 1 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mrs. Holland, seconded by Mrs. Strickland, and passed.

MOTION
Expenditures

Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures listed on checks #6500 through #6511 dated September 30, 1959; #6502 through #6523 dated October 15, 1959; #6524 through #6550 dated October 30, 1959.

The financial statements for the month of September as revised and for the month of October were reviewed by the Board. The report of the children in foster care for September, 1959, was also reviewed by the Board.

MOTION
Expenditure
from Trust Funds

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditure from trust funds of a sum not to exceed $10.00 for Christmas cards and postage for the foster parents of the Child Welfare Unit.

MOTION
Approval of Special Board Rate

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Strickland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of a special board rate of $1.89 a day for Allen Leitch, a child in foster care. This special rate, an exception to the existing board rate, was approved because of the unusual behavior problems presented by this child, who needs to be moved from a shelter home into long-time foster care.

MOTION
Approval of Agreement for Foster Care 1959-60

Mrs. Strickland moved, and Judge Parks seconded a motion which carried, to approve the agreement between the District #1 Welfare Board and the Juvenile Welfare Board to provide funds for foster care for children during the fiscal year, 1959-1960. This agreement was later signed by The Rev. Mr. Coleman and his signature witnessed by Mrs. Holland and Mr. Christian.

MOTION
Refund of Trust Funds to Ministerial Association

Judge Parks moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that the Director be authorized to transfer up to $600.00 in the Earmarked Trust Fund back to the Ministerial Association in order that this Association might employ Dr. Williams as a Marriage Counselor on a temporary basis. It is understood that Dr. Williams would work in the offices of the Juvenile Welfare Board and would help with the existing emergencies caused by the shortage of the staff.

Dr. Finck reviewed the request for assistance in sending Tom Robbins to the Brown Schools, a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed children.
MOTION
Payment of Partial Costs for Tom Robbins

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that the Juvenile Welfare Board authorize the Director to work out arrangements for the payment of a sum not to exceed $2,000.00 a year, or one-half of the annual expenses, for Tom Robbins at the Brown Schools, Austin, Texas. It was understood that at the end of one year there would be a complete report from the Brown Schools on Tom's progress and determination would be made at this time if he would be continued at the School and if he was benefiting from the treatment there. Judge Parks directed the Director to obtain the evaluation of Mr. Robbins' home and other real estate and to ascertain if there is any mortgage against these properties. The question of reimbursement from Mr. Robbins in the future was also discussed.

Dr. Finck reported on the premarital counseling program which was begun again at Northeast High School on October 20. In commenting on the Activities Report, Dr. Finck discussed his attendance at the Planning Session for the White House Conference on October 1st and 2nd. He gave the Board a report on the items which were covered at this conference and stated the various subjects that were discussed there.

Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Director of Family and Children's Service, Inc., talked with the Board about the development of the services of his agency. The Board was very much interested to know about the expansion of services on a County-wide basis, and particularly about the successful efforts to secure adoptive homes for Negro children. There was a period for questions and discussion following Mr. Jenkins' talk.

Since there was no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, December 3, 1959.

Mrs. John Strickland
Secretary