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Meeting in Clearwater

January 5, 1966

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Glen Keys, Secretary; Mrs. Baya Harrison; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Superintendent of Public Instruction Paul D. Bauder; Juvenile Judge William A. Patterson; and County Commissioner Robert L. Weatherly. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Don Sellas, Chief Counselor, Pinellas County Juvenile Court; and Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Director of Family and Children's Service, Inc.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the December 2 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for December

Mrs. Keys moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for December: Checks #455, #461 through #463, #468 through #495. These expenditures included a \$50.00 payment to the Juvenile Court for Stanley Paul Rutkowski as approved by the Juvenile Welfare Board on December 2, 1965 at the rate of \$10.00 per week.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for January

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for January, 1966, on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial report and statement for December 1965 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck announced that bids had been advertised by the County Purchasing Department to replace the Juvenile Welfare Board car.

MOTION
Approval of Car Purchase

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the purchase of a new car through the County Purchasing Department with air conditioning. Mr. Bauder suggested that a substitution be made for an eight cylinder car because of the air conditioning, and the Board agreed to this change if possible.

Dr. Finck announced that the City National Bank of Clearwater had submitted a proposal for $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ interest on \$150,000.00 in tax money for a six months certificate of deposit. All 32 banks in Pinellas County had been advised of the placement of this sum at interest and 14 submitted bids or proposals for it.

MOTION
Investment of \$150,000.00

Mr. Bauder moved, and Mr. Weatherly seconded a motion which carried, to invest tax funds of \$150,000.00 on a six months certificate of deposit with the City National Bank of Clearwater at the rate of $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ which would net the Board \$3,187.50 in interest.

The report of children in foster care was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that the number of children in care was remaining at a reasonable level and that the State Department of Public Welfare wanted to discuss some plans about the program at the February meeting.

Mr. Don Sellas presented the case of Barry Leo McKenna (Hamic) for payment of foster care by the Board. There was considerable discussion about payment in this parti-

cular case because this boy is currently at Berry Academy in Mt. Berry, Georgia, as a student in a private boarding school.

MOTION

Denial of Request
for Foster Care

Mr. Weatherly moved, and Mr. Bauder seconded a motion which carried, to refer the request for payment of foster care for Barry Leo McKenna (Hamic) back to the Juvenile Court with the suggestion that support be secured from the boy's natural parents. Judge Patterson asked to be recorded as voting against the motion.

Mr. Wesley Jenkins, Director of Family and Children's Service, discussed a hospital bill for baby boy Chambers, a child in foster care as "hard to place for adoption." This baby was readmitted to Mound Park Hospital and died there. After discounts by the hospital administration and payment of the initial birth expenses by the Family and Children's Service, the net bill was \$1,794.70. There was considerable discussion about the amount of this payment and the Board expressed the feeling that, since the Family and Children's Service was acting in this matter as the Board's agent, the Board had a responsibility to insure payment.

MOTION

Payment of Hospital
Bill for Baby Boy
Chambers

Mr. Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to pay to Family and Children's Service the sum of \$1,794.70 representing the hospital bill for baby boy Chambers, deceased.

Mr. Jenkins explained further the program of children hard to place for adoption and the progress that was being made by securing permanent homes for children who might otherwise have no future other than foster care. He stated that in a two year period the cost of maintaining the children already placed for adoption in foster care would have amounted to nearly \$30,000.00 a year. In other words, the program is saving more money by finding permanent homes for children than the amount of the annual allocation.

Dr. Finck read two letters received from persons using the Marriage and Family Counseling Service, expressing their appreciation for the help received from the staff.

The Activities Reports for the month of December were presented to the Board.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, February 3rd, in the County Office Building.

Martha Keys

Mrs. Glen Keys
Secretary