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Meeting in Clearwater  
December 7, 1961

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. Gus Sakkis; County Commissioner A. L. Anderson; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

MOTION  
Approval of Minutes  
Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the November 2nd meeting.

MOTION  
Approval of Actions at Meeting of November 2nd  
Mr. Christian moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve actions taken at the November 2nd meeting of the Board and later concurred in by Mrs. Harrison: Approval of checks as listed: check #7896 dated September 1; checks #7897 through #7931 dated September 15; checks #7932 through #7977 dated September 29; check #7978 dated October 5; checks #7979 through #8002 dated October 13; checks #8003 through #8034 dated October 31; and check #8035 dated November 1, 1961. Also included in the motion were approval of votes to pay for intensive therapy at the Brown Schools for Linda Wohnsen and Ricky Cody; to pay for membership in the Florida Cooperating Council for Children and Youth; to approve the foster care agreement with District #4 Welfare Board; to pay for the printing of handbooks for foster parents for the District #4 Welfare Board; to pay for staff memberships in the American Association of Marriage Counselors; and to pay Dr. Finck's expenses to attend the White House Regional Conference at Nashville, Tennessee, November 9 and 10.

MOTION  
Approval of Checks  
Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the checks as listed: checks #8036 through #8073 dated November 15; checks #8074 through #8107 dated November 30; and check #8108 dated December 1, 1961.

MOTION  
Approval of Financial Reports  
The financial reports for the month of November were reviewed by the Board. Mrs. Sakkis moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve these financial reports for filing.

The report of children in foster care for the month of October was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that, although the number of children in care and the number of days of care had decreased, expenditures had risen somewhat because of the amount of clothing purchased for school and because contributions from parents and relatives were $900 less than in the previous month. Dr. Finck also showed the Board a copy of the foster parent's handbook, the expenses for which had been authorized by the Board in November.

MOTION  
Election of Chairman and Secretary  
Mr. Christian placed in nomination the name of the Rev. Mr. Coleman for Chairman, and on the motion of Mr. Anderson the nominations were closed and a unanimous vote was cast. Mrs. Harrison nominated Mrs. Sakkis for Secretary, and on the motion of Mr. Anderson the nominations were closed and Mrs. Sakkis was unanimously elected Secretary.
Dr. Finck discussed proposals for the authorization of checks to be signed by the three public members of the Board as stated in the Juvenile Welfare Board Act. He proposed that a different plan for authorization be adopted by the Board.

**MOTION**

Authorization of Checks

Mr. Christian moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to place all payments on a monthly basis instead of semi-monthly; to authorize the public members designated to sign checks to approve salary payments within the limits of the annual budget; and to authorize the persons signing checks to approve expenses other than salaries on the basis of the Director's counter-signature.

Dr. Finck stated that the monthly payrolls would begin in February, since people needed some notice before the new plan went into effect.

Dr. Finck reported that the appropriation of $500 for new furniture and new decorations for the St. Petersburg office expenditures had been made as follows: furniture $243.52; draperies $159.00; clock, planters, picture framing, etc. $67.48.

After Dr. Finck reported on the injury to Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame, a Marriage and Family Counselor, the members of the Board asked Mrs. Harrison to express their sympathy to Mrs. Dame.

Dr. Finck reported on his attendance at the White House Regional Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, November 9 and 10. In the discussion that followed Mr. Christian requested Dr. Finck to secure a copy of the Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Offenses Control Act of 1961. Mr. Christian was interested to know whether there would be funds for any research studies on dropouts, on the effectiveness of the Junior Deputy program, or on the early discovery of behavior problems that might lead to later delinquency.

Dr. Finck announced that Mr. George W. Young, of the Florida Children's Commission, had requested permission to meet with the Board at the regular meeting on January 4. This meeting would be a meeting of the Children's Committee of Pinellas County and the Board requested Dr. Finck to invite to this meeting Mrs. McMullen of District #4 Welfare Board, Dr. Ballard of the County Health Department, Mr. Hendry of the School Board, and Mr. Orvill Allen of the Child Guidance Clinic.

**MOTION**

Payment of Expenses for Dr. Finck

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried, to pay Dr. Finck's expenses to attend the Executive Committee meeting of the Conference of Public Youth Agencies in New York on February 6, 1962.

Dr. Finck announced that he had been selected to be a candidate for the National Nominating Committee, Region 4, of the National Association of Social Workers.

The activities reports for the month of November were reviewed. Since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be Thursday, January 4, 1962.

Virginia D. Harrison
Secretary