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Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting : 1969 : 01 : 02 : Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
Meeting in Clearwater

January 2, 1969

PRESENT: Juvenile Court Judge Jack M. Page, who acted as Chairman; Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Secretary; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Thomas B. Southard. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mrs. Barbara Thomas, Supervisor of Foster Care, State Department of Public Welfare, District #4.

MOTION Approval of Minutes of December 5, 1968

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Southard seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the December 5 meeting.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures for December

Dr. Southard moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for December: checks #3254 through #3301 dated December 31, 1968; and checks #3302 through #3329 dated January 2, 1969; and check #3330 dated January 31, 1969.

MOTION Approval of Salaries for January

Dr. Southard moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for January 1969 on condition of completion of satisfactory service.

The financial statement for December 1968 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that only about one-half of the taxes customarily received by this date had come from the Tax Collector. He informed the Board that a further delay in the receipt of these taxes would result in the Board's losing interest on money to be invested in certificates of deposit.

The report of children in foster care for November 1968 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that there had been little essential change in the number of children or days of care from the previous month but that, because of the decrease in clothing cost, the total expenditures were approximately $800.00 less than for October 1968.

Dr. Finck read a letter from Community Services Council asking for the nomination of a non-professional local person who has contributed most to the youth of Pinellas County during the year 1968.

MOTION Nomination for Community Council Award

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Southard seconded a motion which carried, to nominate Mr. Jack L. Eckerd for the Community Services Council Award because of his outstanding contribution to the youth of Pinellas County through the establishment of Camp E-How-Kee.

Dr. Finck raised a question of the need for an Assistant Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board who would be able to serve in the Director's absence and in the event of his retirement. There was a considerable discussion about the need for this position and the kinds of administrative responsibilities which the Assistant Director could assume.

MOTION Establishing Position of Assistant Director

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to establish the position of an Assistant Director, Juvenile Welfare Board.
MOTION

Offer of Assistant Directorship to Dr. Edwards at a Salary of $14,664.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Southard seconded a motion which carried, to offer the position of Assistant Director to Dr. Raymond L. Edwards at a starting salary of $14,664, Grade 4 on the Pay and Classification Plan of Pinellas County. The salary for this position would increase according to the Pay and Classification scale to $19,656 with the first increase six months after the position is accepted and assumed.

Mrs. Barbara Thomas, Supervisor of Foster Care for the State Department of Public Welfare, reported on the Foster Care program. She stated that foster parents for a special foster home for six girls had been secured and that they are awaiting the completion of the licensing by the State Department to use this home. She also stated that the Board is having problems with migrants to Pinellas County who come to the County in destitute circumstances and often require special funds for their return. She reported that the State Department, with its Federal funds, was increasing the number of adoptions and there were now 85 children in care under this program. She said that dental and eye work was needed by children in foster care and pointed to the difficulties in securing these services. She discussed the effectiveness of the Protective Service, which has been a major factor in reducing the number of children in foster care. There was considerable discussion with Judge Page and Dr. Southard about the need for more available family planning information and assistance, and it was agreed that Judge Page and a representative from the State Department of Public Welfare, together with Dr. Finck, would request a conference with Dr. Obenschain to discuss this.

The activities reports for the month of December were received 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 on Thursday, February 6, in the County Office Building, Clearwater, at 9:30 A.M.

Mrs. Roy M. Spear
Secretary