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Meeting in Clearwater

September 2, 1965

PRESENT: Judge William A. Patterson, Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Glen Keys; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Floyd T. Christian; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; and County Commissioner Robert L. Weatherly. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Mr. Stevens and Mr. Prokes of the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Prokes presented a discussion with colored slides of the work done by the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Mr. Stevens stated that approximately 80% of their work was done with children, many of whom were preschool children. They are in need of funds to continue their present operations and Mr. Weatherly suggested that they consult with County Manager Clisson and Mr. Ems of the County Welfare Department together with Mr. Paul Stephens, Director of Special Education, and Dr. Finck.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the June 3 meeting.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures for August 1965 and Salary Changes

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures and salary changes for August 1965, Checks #201 to #255, including check #191 to correct a tax error and check #255 to Miss Frances Davis to repay her for $3,000 she personally paid the Juvenile Welfare Board and for which a State Department of Public Welfare voucher has now been received.

MOTION
Confirmation of Approval for Expenditures for June and July

Mr. Christian moved, and Mr. Weatherly seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for June: Checks #86, #98 through #131, inclusive, and checks #168 through #192, dated August 2, for which approval was given by telephone by four of the members of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

MOTION
Approval of Salary Checks for September

Mr. Christian moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for September 1965 on the condition of completion of satisfactory service with merit system increases for State Department of Public Welfare employees retroactive to July 1, 1965.

MOTION
Sick Leave for Mrs. Ruth Mayos

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Weatherly seconded a motion which carried, to approve sick leave for Mrs. Ruth Mayos to attend the funeral of her sister in Duluth, Minnesota, to include travel time in both directions.

The financial reports and statements for June, July, and August of 1965 were reviewed by the Board. There was an extended discussion of the 1966 budget and the effect that the denial of the Juvenile Welfare Board's request for $53,513 from the Board of County Commissioners would have on the Board's operations. Dr. Coleman explained how he had presented the Board's case to the County Commissioners and that the Commissioners would agree only to lend this sum to the Juvenile Welfare Board. Dr. Finck stated that it would be possible to operate without a contingency fund and to restrict expenditures until such time as the Board could determine if it was able to operate in the 1965-66 fiscal year.
The reports of children in foster care for May, June, and July of 1965 were discussed by the Board, and the results of the restricted expenditures were apparent in the reduced case load. Dr. Finck stated that the State Department of Public Welfare were concerned that they were being forced to send children back to homes that they were not sure would be able to maintain them. A report was received on Dorothy Mercer, a child in foster care beyond the age of seventeen.

MOTION
Continuation of Foster Care for Willie Harvey

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to approve the continuation of foster care for Willie Harvey so long as he continues to make satisfactory progress in school.

Dr. Finck told the Board about the reprints of the articles written by the staff for the Journal of Marriage and the Family and the Family Life Coordinator. Copies of these reprints were given to the Board.

Judge Patterson read the letter of resignation submitted by Mr. Floyd T. Christian who has been named by Governor Burns to be State Superintendent of Education.

MOTION
Resolution concerning Mr. Christian

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that a resolution be prepared expressing appreciation of Mr. Christian's services to the Juvenile Welfare Board and to the children of Pinellas County, and that a copy of this be sent to Governor Burns.

Mr. Christian introduced Mr. Paul Bauder, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction, who has been named Acting Superintendent effective October 1.

MOTION
Authorization of Mr. Bauder's Signature

Mr. Weatherly moved, and Mrs. Keys seconded a motion which carried, to authorize Mr. Bauder's signature on the checks of the Juvenile Welfare Board beginning October 1, 1965.

MOTION
Change of Meeting Place

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried, to hold the future meetings of the Board in the County Office Building.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held on Thursday, October 7, in the County Office Building.

Virginia D. Harrison
Secretary