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Meeting in Clearwater

December 13, 1962

PRESENT: Reverend Mr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Baya Harrison, who acted as Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; and Superintendent of Public Instruction Floyd T. Christian. Also present: Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame, Acting Director.

In accordance with the vote at the October 4 meeting, Mr. Patterson was invited to attend meetings of the Board. Due to pressure of work he was unable to come to this meeting but hopes to meet with the Board in the future.

Mr. Christian reported that Mrs. Sakkis had been in an automobile accident. Her kneecap was injured. She is home on crutches and is making satisfactory recovery. The Board instructed Mrs. Dame to extend to her their warmest regards and their best wishes for a speedy recovery, conveying how much she was missed at the Board meeting today.

MOTION Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion  
Approval of Minutes which carried, to approve the minutes of the October 4 meeting, the last meeting held since there was no quorum for a meeting in November.

Mrs. Dame announced that Mrs. Reiner's article has been published in the December issue of Social Casework and has been well received by her colleagues.

MOTION Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion  
Approval of Checks which carried, to approve the checks as listed: checks #8584 through #8591 dated September 30; check #8592 dated October 4; checks #8593 through #8624 dated October 31; and checks #8625 through #8668 dated November 30, 1962.

The Board was interested to know the cost of the Major Medical program.

MOTION Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion  
Approval of Financial Reports which carried, to approve the financial reports for the fiscal year 1961-62, and for October and November, 1962.

The report of children in foster care for the fiscal year 1961-62 and for October, 1962, was discussed by the Board. Dr. Coleman and Mr. Christian observed that the cost per child to the Juvenile Welfare Board averaged \$65.30 in September and \$74.64 for October. From their recollection this seemed to be a little higher than the previous months, and they wondered if this could be due to less income from parents or other supplementary sources. Mrs. Dame volunteered to note that this should be clarified at the next meeting.

Mrs. Dame read a request from the State Department of Public Welfare regarding Mary Russell who is now 17 and would like to remain in foster care until graduation from high school in 1963.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Mr. Christian seconded a motion  
Extended Foster Care for Mary Russell which carried, that Mary Russell be continued in foster care until the end of this school year.

Mrs. Dame read a request from the State Department of Public Welfare regarding Mary Sapp, who is now 17 and a junior in high school. The Department would like permission to continue Mary in foster care until she graduates from high school.



MOTION

Extended Foster Care  
for Mary Sapp

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that funds be made available for foster care for Mary Sapp through this school year. The Board will review the situation at the end of this school year before deciding to extend funds for foster care through an additional year.

The report from the Child Welfare Unit regarding Derrick Scott, who has entered military service and no longer needs foster care, was of interest to the Board.

Mrs. Dame read a request from the State Department of Public Welfare for an increase to \$60.00 per month, or \$2.00 per day, per child for foster home care. The Board unanimously agreed that this is an appropriate recommendation and voiced their appreciation of foster parents who were willing to accept children for this amount. They agreed that the \$2.00 per day or \$60.00 per month should be paid for all ages, noting that in the past a smaller amount has been paid for the child from one to 12 than was paid for the infant and the child over 12. The Board was interested to learn that the State Welfare Board, Child Welfare Unit, finds that they are able to move children out of detention care and foster care more quickly now that they have two workers provided by the Juvenile Welfare Board, and they expect this to eventually reduce the cost of foster home care as well as increase the service to the children. The latter has already been proven during the past month.

MOTION

Increase in Board Rates

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, to grant the request of the State Department of Public Welfare for an increase in board rates to \$60.00 per month or \$2.00 per day.

MOTION

Agreement between  
Juvenile Welfare Board  
and Family and Chil-  
dren's Service, Inc.

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve the agreement between the Juvenile Welfare Board and Family and Children's Service, Inc., for the care of hard-to-place children.

Mrs. Dame explained that the staff would like to attend the seminar for graduate social workers to be held January 3 and 4 under the leadership of Professor Edith Schulhofer, Instructor at Tulane University School of Social Work.

MOTION

Permission for Staff  
to attend Seminar

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Harrison seconded a motion which carried, that Mrs. Dame, Mrs. Reiner, and Mr. Smith be permitted to attend the seminar on January 3 and 4, with the registration fee to be paid by the agency.

Mrs. Dame reported on the Annual Meeting of the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children, which was held on November 5, 1962. At this meeting the Juvenile Welfare Board was given recognition for their assistance when the organization was established. Mr. Christian recalled working with Dr. Williams, Director of the Board at that time, and Mrs. Hiatt. He said the School Board helped to establish the organization and a public school program for this group. He invited the Board to see the up-county school program and the outstanding work the students have done with flowers and produce. In the near future a conducted tour is to be arranged following a Board meeting. The Board seemed very interested in hearing about this group of children.

The resolution from the Board of County Commissioners endorsing and supporting a fact finding committee formed to determine whether there is a need for a juvenile home and rehabilitation center in Pinellas County was received with interest. This resolution had been passed at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on October 3. Each Board member contributed to the discussion, and Mr.

Christian recommended that a letter be written to the Board of County Commissioners offering the services of the Juvenile Welfare Board and calling attention to the fact that the Act creating the Board is designed to protect the children who would be served by a detention home, and therefore the Board would welcome an opportunity to work with the fact finding committee. It was further recommended that a copy of the letter be sent to Mr. Patterson as well as any other individuals who might be in a key position to serve such a committee.

MOTION  
Letter to Board of  
County Commissioners

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that a letter be written to the Board of County Commissioners expressing the desire of the Board to work with a fact finding committee on the desirability of establishing a detention home. Copies of this letter are to be sent to other interested people.

The activities reports for October and November were reviewed.

Dr. Coleman shared with the Board a note from Dr. Finck thanking them for their bouquet. The Board members were delighted to hear that all reports regarding Dr. Finck have been so very positive, and were especially pleased to learn that he came back to his office on this date for a few hours, and is looking forward to attending the January Board meeting. They all asked to be remembered to him.

After clearing with Dr. Finck, Mrs. Dame called attention to the need for another office chair. Mr. Christian offered the services of the School Purchasing Agent, Mr. Wagner. Mr. Wagner suggested that the bid offered by P.K. Smith be accepted because the School Department could not duplicate, through a single order, the bid of this firm.

MOTION  
Purchase of Office  
Chair

Mrs. Harrison moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that bids be obtained and a new chair be bought.

MOTION  
January Board Meeting

Mr. Christian moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that the January meeting of the Board be held on January 10 at the Board of Education building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

*Virginia D. Harrison*  
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Acting Secretary