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MEETING IN CLEARWATER

January 5, 1967

PRESENT: Juvenile Judge Robert A. Halvorsen, who acted as Chairman; Mrs. Charles S. Baker, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction James Gollattscheck; and County Commissioner Robert L. Weatherly. Commissioner Weatherly was unable to remain throughout the meeting because of illness. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director.

MOTION

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Gollattscheck seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the December 1st meeting as distributed.

MOTION

Approval of expenditures for December

Mrs. Speer moved, and Dr. Gollattscheck seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for December: Checks #1316 through #1338.

MOTION

Approval of Salary Checks for January

Dr. Gollattscheck moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salary checks for January on the condition of completion of satisfactory service.

MOTION

Change in Sick Leave Policy

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Gollattscheck seconded a motion which carried, to change the sick leave policy to permit the unlimited accumulation of sick leave. This change conforms with the recommended change in County policy.

The financial report and statement for the month of December 1966 was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck reported the investment of \$100,000 in a Certificate of Deposit for nine months at 5.2 percent interest on December 20, 1966.

MOTION

Acceptance of Financial Report and Statement

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to accept the financial report and statement for December 1966.

Dr. Finck reported on the number of children in foster care for November 1966. The Board discussed Federal foster care legislation and examined the provisions of the Fogarty Bill. This legislation would provide Federal matching funds for child welfare services. There is a provision which would apparently freeze Pinellas County's share of expenses at the present relatively high level. The Board also discussed an amendment to the State Law concerning the Department of Public Welfare. It was suggested that copies of this Amendment should be sent to the Board before the next meeting in order that the members might have an opportunity to study it before acting on the legislation.

MOTION

Appointment of Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the appointment of Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D. as Marriage and Family Counselor at an annual salary of \$9,000 beginning January 16, 1967.

The request from Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, was discussed again by the Board. After considerable discussion, the Board decided that it had no responsibility for past fees for diagnosis and treatment and that to embark on a program of future payment would establish a precedent for other similar agencies.

MOTION

Letter to
Mr. Stevens

Dr. Gollattscheck moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to reply to Mr. Stevens' letter, setting forth the Board's reasons for not approving the request from the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

The request for a social worker for the three United Fund Day Nurseries was discussed by the Board. It was felt that this program could be inaugurated during the summer months in order to make adequate preparation for the large number of children who apply to the nurseries at the beginning of school.

MOTION

Approval of Request
for a Social Worker

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Gollattscheck seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditure of \$3000 for June, July, August and September to pay the salary of a professionally trained social Caseworker to work with the three United Fund Day Nurseries and to transfer this sum from the Contingency Fund to Marriage and Family Counseling.

MOTION

Approval of Request
for Use of Office
Space

Dr. Finck reported that the Adoption Service of the State Department of Public Welfare had requested permission to use one of our offices for interviews one day a week. Dr. Gollattscheck moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for use of office space for the Adotption Service of the State Department of Public Welfare.

MOTION

Payment of Rent to
Child Guidance Clinic

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to reinstate the original payment of rent at \$40 a month to the Child Guidance Clinic for the use of quarters in Clearwater two days a week. This rent also includes secretarial service. The amount of the rent for the remainder of the year (\$360) is transferred from the Contingency Fund to Operation and Administration.

MOTION

Payment of Expenses
for Staff

Dr. Gollattscheck moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for the Marriage Counseling staff and Child Welfare Division to attend the National Association of Social Workers Institute in Tampa on January 20, 1967.

Dr. Finck read from letters by persons who had used Juvenile Welfare Board services for marriage counseling and homemaker.

The Activities Reports for December were reviewed by 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 2nd, in the County Office Building, Clearwater.

Mrs. Charles S. Baker
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Secretary