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PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Judge Jack E. Dadswell; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Jack A. Page; Dr. Gus Sakkis, Superintendent of Schools; and Chaplain Moses Stith. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; and Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting with prayer.

Dr. Coleman welcomed Judge Dadswell to the Board and acknowledged the "homecoming" of Judge Page to the Board. He also anticipated welcoming Commissioner Iley at a later date.

MOTION Approval of Items Without Exception
A. Salaries: as budgeted for January on completion of satisfactory service.


MOTION Approval of Child & Family Comprehensive Mental Health Center, Inc. Request
Mrs. Mullins moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of Child & Family Comprehensive Mental Health Center, Inc. for merit increments for Ms. Evans (4.24% - to $19,261.32) and Ms. Dwyer (5% - to $16,894.33) and a promotional increment for Ms. Cruz (10% - to $7,493.52), all effective February 1, 1976. All increments are to come from the current allocation to the agency.

MOTION Approval of Family Counseling Center Request
Mrs. Mullins moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of Family Counseling Center for an increase in board rates as follow: infants through age 4 to $3.75 daily; children 5 and above to $4.00 daily; and extraordinary care to $5.00 daily, all rates effective January 1, 1976. All increases are to come from the current allocation to the agency.

Mr. Markman informed the Board that, since the closing of the Lake Chautauqua property on December 12, 1975 included the furnishings, sixty-five items which were sold with the house needed to be removed from the Board inventory.

MOTION Approval to Remove Lake Chautauqua Inventory Items
Judge Page moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to remove inventory items #539 through #603 (Lake Chautauqua furnishings) from the Board inventory, in the amount of $4,741.

MOTION Approval to Remove Detention Center Inventory Item
Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to remove a chair which had been used at the Detention Center (Inventory Item #515) from the inventory list as unsalvageable, in the amount of $26.

Chaplain Stith arrived for the remainder of the meeting.
Mr. Markman reviewed the Program Budgetary Report and the Financial Statement (which reflected the sale of the Lake Chautauqua property) for December and the expenses as budgeted for November: check #2617 dated November 25, 1975; check #2618 dated November 26, 1975; check #2619 dated December 2, 1975; checks #2620 and #2621 dated December 5, 1975; checks #2622 through #2722 dated December 10, 1975; check #2730 dated December 29, 1975; and checks #2733 through #2805 dated December 31, 1975.

Mr. Markman informed the Board of the progress being made on the new office building, noted the change orders to date totaled $4,374, and explained each change order approved by Dr. Edwards.

MOTION Approval to Change Admin. Aide Position to Temporary Status

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Dr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to change the Administrative Aide position from permanent to temporary status with a change to pay grade 24 step 1, effective January 1, 1976.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that the contract for Project Playpen had been signed for 240 children, instead of 260. He indicated that a supplemental contract might be submitted in April for an additional 20 children.

Dr. Edwards commented on the Child and Family Services Act material which he had mailed to each Board member and discussed the misleading information which had been circulated anonymously about the contents of the Act.

Dr. Edwards noted that annual audits will be required of all special independent districts such as the Juvenile Welfare Board as of fiscal year ending September 30, 1975, and each year thereafter. Arrangements have been initiated for Mr. Dan Hevia (previously used as consultant) to conduct the audit. Most likely, contingency funds will need to be utilized for this audit. Mr. Hevia is familiar with the Juvenile Welfare Board accounting system and therefore should need less time in completing the audit.

The Board noted the report of children in care and the activity reports, which included a two-month report from Family Counseling Center.

Dr. Edwards mentioned the effectiveness of the Juvenile Welfare Board's annual Legislative Workshops, the most recent of which was held on November 19, 1975, and called attention to recommendation summaries mailed to the Board as requested.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that he had attended the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in Atlanta on January 4 - 7.

The Board was pleased to hear that Mr. Robert G. Marshall had been appointed Deputy District Administrator of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services for this district (Pinellas and Pasco Counties).

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be a Work Session on January 29, 1976 and a Regular Meeting on February 5, 1976, both at 9:30 a.m., Juvenile Detention Center, unless changed by the Board.

Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary