Juvenile Welfare Board Meeting: 1973 : 12 : 06 : Minutes

Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County.
PRESENT: Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Chairman; Commissioner George R. Brumfield; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins; Mr. Gus Sakkis, Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Judge William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. Frank P. Glackin, Attorney; Mr. Bill Neet, Supervisor, Project Playpen; Mr. Carl E. Meisner, Planning-Funding Consultant and Mr. Will M. Michaels, Research-Evaluation Consultant.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board members present that Certificates of Deposit ($100,000 at 9.56 rate of interest for under 30 days and $300,000 at 9.375 rate of interest for a 90 day period) had been purchased as of this date. Dr. Edwards also noted that approximately $750 to $1,000 would need to be spent on the bookkeeping machine for maintenance, training and supplies before the revised bookkeeping/accounting system could be implemented. The members were informed that a change in banks being used for checking and time deposit purposes might be advisable, since the same time deposit arrangements are now available from banks in the immediate vicinity of the Juvenile Welfare Board office. Dr. Edwards reported that the evaluation of office space is progressing and read a proposal from Wedding & Associates regarding an architectural-socio-economic study of the Board's office space needs. Dr. Edwards will be meeting again with County employees to further clarify their opinions regarding the present location of the Juvenile Welfare Board and whether the Wedding study would compliment their data.

Mr. Neet spoke to the Board members of the difficulty in working out satisfactory procedures for Project Playpen Title IV-A funding. Mr. Neet stated that there would be additional information available after he and Dr. Edwards met with State Division of Family Services personnel in Jacksonville on December 14, 1973. Project Playpen's contract has been cancelled as of December 31, 1973, and a new contract must be negotiated by December 31, 1973.

Dr. Edwards reported that the Annual Financial Report of Units of Local Government had been received and would be completed and returned by December 31, 1973. This year the Report must be signed by the "head fiscal officer", rather than the Board Chairman.

Mrs. Speer called the meeting to order.

MOTION Future Emergency Session Necessary
Judge Walker moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the need for an emergency session the week of December 17 re: Project Playpen.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures
Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to approve the expenditures for November: Check #3550 dated November 20, 1973; Check #3551 dated December 3, 1973; Check #3552 through Check #3640 dated December 6, 1973 and Check #3641 and Check #3642 dated December 31, 1973.

MOTION Approval of Items Without Exception
Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follows:
A. Salaries as budgeted for December on completion of satisfactory service.

B. Minutes of November 1, 1973.

C. Merit Increases: $400 for Mrs. Martha Austin (Family Counseling Center) effective December 1, 1973. 10% for Mrs. Ethel B. Johnson (Child Guidance Clinic) effective October 1, 1973. 10% for Mr. Gerald Adler (Division of Youth Services) effective November 1, 1973.

D. Policy: Director shall approve regular annual increments/merit increases, and Board shall approve all exceptional special merit increases.

E. Project: Endorsement of and authorization for Director to make application for federal grant for Battered Child Project.

F. Travel: Transportation and maintenance for Mr. Jenkins to visit San Diego Homemaker Program subsequent to FSAA meeting in Los Angeles. Authorization for 2 Juvenile Welfare Board staff to visit the National Center for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Denver, in conjunction with Battered Child Project (Director to determine dates).

G. Telephone Poll: Approval of November 20, 1973 poll re: UPARC IV-A funding.

H. Financial Request: from Mr. R. C. Henry (PYSS) to transfer $1,560 from Youth Home to new line item: Houseparent Relief.

Judge Walker asked clarification to confirm that the increments approve above were to come from the agencies' budget allocations.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Brumfield moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to deny the request of the Division of Family Services for the Juvenile Welfare Board to assume financial responsibility for a child presently at Montanari under 75% CHAMPUS/25% DFS funding, but to request from the Division reports as to the child's progress and future.

The Board set a special meeting on January 7, 1974, 7:00 p.m., Juvenile Detention Center to continue the discussion on the study recommendations being summarized for presentation by Mr. Meisner and Mr. Michaels.

The financial statement for November 1973 was reviewed by the Board.

The reports of children in care for October and from the Division of Family Services for November 1973 were noted.

The Board noted the activities reports.

Mrs. Speer recognized the helpful participation of Commissioner Brumfield during his term on the Board, which term ends on December 31, 1973.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Mrs. Speer.

The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be on January 3, 1974 at 9:30 a.m. at the Juvenile Detention Center and will include both work session and regular meeting. There will be a special meeting on January 7, 1974 at 7:00 p.m. at the Juvenile Detention Center to continue the discussion on the summary of the Juvenile Welfare Board study recommendations.

Raymond L. Edwards, Ph.D.
Sec. as per minutes of January 3, 1974.