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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Regular Meeting - October 3, 1974

PRESENT: Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Robert F. Michael; and Judge Jack A. Page. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary; Mr. William M. Markman, Business Administrator; and Mr. Frank P. Glackin, attorney.

Mrs. Mullins presided in the absence of Dr. Coleman.

MOTION

Approval of
Expenditures

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the expenditures for September: Check #640 dated September 10, 1974; Check #641 dated September 19, 1974; Check #642 and Check #643 dated September 20, 1974; Check #651 dated September 23, 1974; Check #652 through Check #752 dated September 30, 1974; Check #753 through Check #760 dated October 3, 1974; and Check #761 and Check #762 dated October 31, 1974.

MOTION

Approval of
Items With-
out Exception

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follow:

- A. Salaries: as budgeted for October on completion of satisfactory service.
- B. Minutes: of September 5, 1974.
- C. Telephone poll: September 23, 1974 - approval of Family Counseling Center reimbursement for August.
- D. 24-Hour Detention Screening Program: approval for the Juvenile Welfare Board to continue as fiscal agent through November 30, 1974.
- E. Family Counseling Center: approval to reimburse September Homemaker expenses as soon as statistics are received to justify; approval of request for draw-down of one-twelfth (1/12) of \$31,325 or \$2,610.42 for October expenses in behalf of children under age 18.
- F. Promotion: Mrs. Beck to Program Fiscal Monitor, effective October 1, 1974 at Grade 33 Step 1 (with c.o.l. \$750.53 per month).

MOTION

Approval of
Director's
Requests

Judge Michael moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve the Director's requests as follow:

- A. One-step cost-of-living adjustment for all Juvenile Welfare Board, License Board and Project Playpen personnel operating under the Juvenile Welfare Board Personnel Practices, effective October 1, 1974. (PACER staff is not included due to all funds being provided through federal grant.)

- B. Addition to Personnel Policy to convert first three days of Sick Leave to Annual Leave effective October 1, 1974 based on 1973-74 leave and attendance record; and each year thereafter. Only those staff members employed for the full fiscal year are eligible.

Mrs. Eckert, as Chairman of the Personnel Committee, recommended the reappointment of the Director at a 5% increase in salary (in addition to the 5% cost-of-living for all staff), effective October 1, 1974, with a complete evaluation to occur as soon as the full Personnel Committee can meet.

MOTION

Reappointment of Director

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Judge Michael seconded a motion to reappoint the Director, Dr. Edwards, at a 5% increase in salary, effective October 1, 1974. The vote on this motion was held up as Judge Michael had to leave the room for a few minutes.

MOTION

Approval to Pay Legal Consultant

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion to approve payment to Legal Consultant, Mr. Glackin, of \$25 per hour for all time spent in acquisition of land. The vote on this motion was also held up.

Mr. Glackin brought the Board up to date on the progress he had made in securing property for the Board from various owners.

MOTION

Approval of reappointment of Board representatives to Agencies

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion to approve the reassignment of Board members to the various Boards on which they had served during the past fiscal year as follows: Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Child Guidance Clinic; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Family Counseling Center; Mrs. H. W. Holland, Pinellas County License Board; and Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., United Way - Planning/Priorities Committees. The vote on this motion was also held up.

Judge Michael reentered the meeting.

MOTION

Approval of Agency Agreements for 1974-75

Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to approve and to authorize the Chairman to sign the 1974-75 agency agreements with the following agencies: Big Brothers; Child Guidance Clinic; Division of Family Services; Division of Youth Services (two agreements); Family Counseling Center; Pinellas Association for Retarded Children; School Board of Pinellas County (two agreements); Pinellas County Juvenile Detention Center; Pinellas County License Board; Pinellas Youth Homes; Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Children; and United Way - Information and Referral System.

At this point Judge Page explained to Judge Michael the content of the three motions which had been made while he was detained out of the Board meeting room. The vote was then put to the Board on the reappointment of the Director at a 5% increase in salary, the payment to the Legal Consultant, and the reappointment of Board representatives to four agencies and carried unanimously.

MOTION

Approval of
Child Guidance
Clinic Requests

Judge Michael moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the request of the Child Guidance Clinic for exceptional merit increases for Harold Rivkind (5%), Marion Hinton (5%), and Mary Marsh (7.5%) with approximately \$1,828.60 to come from the Exceptional Merit line item in the Clinic's budget, effective October 1, 1974.

The Board noted the September (preliminary statement for 1973-74) financial statement. Transfer of funds shall be made at the next regular meeting. Dr. Edwards again discussed the administration budget's apparent deficit and explained this deficit's relationship to excess funds in other program components.

The reports of children in care for August and from the Division of Family Services for September were reviewed by the Board, as were the activities reports.

The Board discussed recent newspaper articles dealing with the possible loss of funds from United Way by five day care centers and requested Dr. Edwards to write to Mr. Carl Lash, Executive Director of the United Way, expressing the concern of the Board and offering whatever technical assistance the Board might have which could be helpful in resolving the dilemma.

The Board discussed the fact that because of the extreme demands made upon the time of the Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the Superintendent of Schools both men are often unable to attend the Board meetings and that it would be helpful if each could send a representative, who would be unable to vote but could express respective viewpoints on any particular agenda items.

MOTION

Authorization
for Director to
Write Letters

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to authorize Dr. Edwards to write letters to both Commissioner Dockerty and Mr. Sakkis to inquire if each could send a representative to those Board meetings which he is unable to attend.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board that Mrs. Edna Tench had been employed as Bookkeeper, Grade 26 Step 1 (\$507.87 per month), effective approximately October 14, 1974; and that Mrs. Lolita Dasher had been employed as Machine Operator - Relief Receptionist (in lieu of Clerk II) at Grade 23 Step 1 (with c.o.l. \$459.33 per month), effective October 1, 1974.

MOTION

Regular
Session
Closed

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to declare the meeting adjourned.

The next meetings of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be October 30, 1974 (Work Session) and November 7, 1974 (Regular); both at 9:30 a.m. at the Juvenile Detention Center unless otherwise determined by the Board.


Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary