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PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. Stephen D. Mullins, Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Jack A. Page; and Mr. Gus Sakkis, Superintendent of Schools. 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 at Law.

Dr. Coleman opened the meeting.

MOTION Approval of Expenditures
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to approve the expenditures for November: Check #949 through Check #1065 dated December 5, 1974; Check #1069 and Check #1070 dated December 31, 1974; also Check #931 dated November 8, 1974; Check #932 dated November 12, 1974; Check #933 dated November 19, 1974; Check #934 through Check #937 dated November 20, 1974; Check #948 dated November 27, 1974. Check #1035 is to be held and released at the discretion of the Director.

MOTION Approval of Items Without Exception
Mrs. Eckert moved, and Mrs. Mullins seconded a motion which carried to approve the items without exception as follow:

A. Salaries: as budgeted for December on completion of satisfactory service.


C. Telephone Poll: November 19, 1974 re (1) UPARC check for October expenses and authorization to write future monthly checks for UPARC upon receipt of necessary and sufficient information; (2) two checks for Pinellas Youth Homes, Inc. - $2,551.75 quarterly amount for 5% local match for LEAA grant - up to $24,000 for expenses from November 16, 1974 - January 15, 1975 to be repaid from LEAA grant ($12,000 immediately with additional $12,000 after verification of November 15 - December 15, 1974 disbursements).

The Board agreed to hold agenda item #3, discussion of the Personnel Policy draft, and to consider other agenda items first.

MOTION Approval of Increment for Business Administrator
Mrs. Mullins moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve a one-step increment for the Business Administrator in addition to completion of probationary period step increment (from $911.73 to $1,005.33 monthly), effective December 1, 1974.

Dr. Edwards recommended (since County guidelines specify five as the number of persons on building committees) that Mr. Glackin, the Board attorney, be the fifth member of the Juvenile Welfare Board Building Committee, joining Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Holland, Mr. Sakkis and Dr. Edwards, which was accepted by the Board. The Committee decided to meet immediately following the regular Board meeting because all five members were present and could remain. They also set Monday, December 16, 1974,
at 10:00 a.m. (Juvenile Detention Center) as the next time for the Committee to meet to review architectural firms responding to the Juvenile Welfare Board's November 29, 1974 legal ad in the St. Petersburg Times. A special Board meeting was recommended to be held in early January for presentations by the firms.

The draft of the historical account of Juvenile Welfare Board annual activities was examined by the Board, and a number of the members expressed satisfaction and pleasure with the effort to present the history of the Board in chronological order. Dr. Edwards requested review by the Board before the final report.

The program financial statement for November, 1974 was reviewed by the Board.

The Board noted the reports of children in care and the activities reports. Dr. Edwards informed the Board that cost of care at Montanari would increase to $900 monthly on January 1, 1975.

Dr. Edwards informed the Board of the employment of a new part-time (25%) counselor, Mrs. Lillian Bandes, who is counseling at the upcounty office, and who, together with the other counselors, plans to attend the January 29, 1975 work session.

**MOTION**

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to authorize the writing of checks in order to pay utility bills as the need arises.

Dr. Edwards reported that Jo L. (Parents Anonymous) had been on radio and television several times regarding child abuse and tonight's meeting at the YWCA to form a local chapter of Parents Anonymous, in addition to several interviews by reporters.

Dr. Edwards and Mrs. Mullins reported on the Legislative Workshop (December 4, 1974) which was a successful effort to bring state and local legislators and the local social agency community together for an informative exchange of mutual concerns such as adoption, child abuse, day care, etc.

The Board discussed the Personnel Policy draft and suggested that action on the Policy be held up for another month. The Board and Dr. Edwards commended Mr. Markman for his work in drawing up the Personnel Policy draft.

Dr. Coleman declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be a work session on Thursday, December 19, 1974, 9:30 a.m., Juvenile Detention Center. Two important items: selection of architectural firms for presentations and review of the Juvenile Welfare Board Policy Statement.