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Meeting in Clearwater

November 6, 1969

PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr.; Mrs. William C. N. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; and Juvenile Court Judge Jack A. Page. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Juvenile Court Judge William Walker; Mr. Bert Muller and Mr. Robert Vellekamp, Directors, Pinellas Association for Retarded Children and Upper Pinellas Association for Retarded Children; and Board members and staff of these two organizations.

MOTION
Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 2, 1969.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for October: Check #4195 dated September 30; checks #4253 through #4301, except checks #4298, #4299, #4300 representing mileage payments to members of the License Board and members of the Advisory Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes.

MOTION
Approval of Salaries for November

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for November on condition of completion of satisfactory service.

MOTION
Cost of Living Salary Increase

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, to approve a 5% cost of living increase for the members of the staff of the Juvenile Welfare Board and the License Board effective November 1, 1969.

The financial statement for October and final financial statement for fiscal 1968-69 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that the year ended with a surplus of $9,266.11 over the budgeted figures.

MOTION
Refund of Prior Years' Taxes

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve a request of the Board of County Commissioners to refund prior years' taxes in the amount of $1,176.27.

MOTION
Investment of Tax Funds

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to invest tax funds in United States Treasury Bills, as well as in Certificates of Deposit.

MOTION
Disposal of Table and Purchase of Office Equipment

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the disposal of an office table and to purchase a desk, chair, typewriter, and files for the new employee authorized for the License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes.

MOTION
Correction Transfer of Funds

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to correct the transfer of funds as approved at the September 4 meeting, from $350 to $490.40, authorizing this transfer from Salaries and Travel under the License Board budget.
MOTION  
Transfer of Balance to Contingency  
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to transfer the unexpended balance as of September 30, 1969 in the amount of $9,266.11 to the Contingency Fund for fiscal 1969-70.

At this point the Board took a recess in order that Mr. Muller might have an opportunity to conduct the members of the Board through the Peter Pan School and the quarters of the Pinellas Association for Retarded Children. In addition to Mr. Muller, members of the Board and staff of the Associations for Retarded children were present. At the end of this tour, Mr. Muller presented the Board a plaque in the form of a ship under sail which had been made by adult retardates. Dr. Coleman accepted the plaque on behalf of the Board and stated that it would be used in the Board office in St. Petersburg. The hospitality of the Pinellas Association of Retarded Children and of Peter Pan School was enjoyed and appreciated by the members of the Board.

The report of children in foster care for September and for the fiscal year ending 1968-69 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck stated that the yearly reports showed 34 fewer children in foster care for fiscal 1968-69 than for the previous year, and 416 fewer days of care. The cost per child per day increased approximately 3¢ and the total expenditures by $2,404.31. Dr. Finck stated that the control of this foster care case load was due in large measure to the financing of Protective Services and the provision of Juvenile Welfare Board funds for administration. The Board expressed question of the effects of the inflationary cost of living on foster parents and requested Dr. Finck to discuss their concern with Mrs. Eloise Irwin, Director District #4, Division of Family Services.

Dr. Finck reported on the present status of Project Playpen and explained the requests of the Pinellas Opportunity Council for the continued support of the Project. The services of Mr. Neet and the use of telephone and office space are budgeted by Project Playpen and the amount estimated for the local contribution by the Juvenile Welfare Board is $3,934.80.

MOTION  
Support of Project Playpen  
Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to authorize the Director to inform the Pinellas Opportunity Council that the Juvenile Welfare Board would continue its local contribution throughout the coming calendar year.

MOTION  
Payments of Necessary Expenses for Mrs. Dame and Mrs. Mayos  
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve payment of the necessary expenses for Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame and Mrs. Ruth G. Mayos to attend the annual meeting of the American Association of Marriage Counselors, Dallas, Texas, November 7 - 9, 1969.

MOTION  
Payment of Expenses for Mr. Neet  
Mrs. Bissell moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the payment of necessary expenses for Mr. William E. Neet to attend the Conference of the Florida Association on Children Under Six to be held in Tampa from November 6 - 8, 1969.

Dr. Coleman noted the deaths of Mrs. H. D. Williams and Judge Lincoln C. Bogue and spoke briefly about the contributions that have been made to the welfare of children by these individuals.
MOTION
Letters of Sympathy

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to request the Director to express the Board’s sympathy to Mrs. Lincoln C. Bogue and to the niece of Mrs. H. D. Williams.

Judge Page explained that the Juvenile Court had been requested by the Legislative Delegation to submit notification of legislation which might be introduced in the 1970 session. He stated that the Court had notified the delegation that it might introduce a request for a county-wide curfew for juveniles, and that the Court would request the change in the Juvenile Welfare Board Act to permit both judges to be voting members of the Juvenile Welfare Board. It was decided that this subject should be a matter for further discussion at the December Board meeting.

The Activities Reports for October and for the fiscal year 1968-69 were reviewed by the Board.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Juvenile Welfare Board will be held at the Juvenile Court Center on Thursday, December 4, 1969.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell
Secretary