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PRESENT: County Commissioner, A. L. Anderson, who presided until the arrival of Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; Juvenile Court Judge Jack A. Page; and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Thomas E. Southard. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Juvenile Court Judge William Walker; Mrs. Beatrice S. Reiner; and Mr. James Bissette.

The minutes of the meeting of November 6, 1969 were approved as distributed.

MOTION
Approval of Expenditures

Dr. Southard moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for November: Checks #302 through #358 dated November 26; checks #359 through #407 dated December 4; and checks #408 and #409 dated December 31, 1969.

MOTION
Approval of Salaries for December

Dr. Southard moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for December on condition of completion of satisfactory service, including Mrs. June Schreck who began work on December 1, 1969 as authorized by the Board at their November meeting.

The financial statement for the month of November was reviewed by Dr. Finck. He announced that tax funds had been invested in U. S. Treasury Bills @ 7.38 percent interest due June 22, 1970.

MOTION
Investment of Tax Funds

Dr. Southard moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to expand the permission to invest funds to other obligations guaranteed by the U. S. Government in addition to U. S. Treasury Bills.

The report of children in foster care for the month of October was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck pointed out that additional state funds had decreased the number of children and the days of care to be paid for from Juvenile Welfare Board funds, but the total number of children and days of care was increased slightly. Dr. Finck also reviewed the report of children in the Group Homes for Girls and Boys under the supervision of the Juvenile Court. During the month of October, there were seven different girls in care and four different boys. Judge Page said there were now seven boys in the Group Home.

Dr. Finck explained the need of the License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes for additional staff. He said that the professional staff had not been increased since the Juvenile Welfare Board began financing the License Board's operations in 1958. During this time, however, the number of children in care, the number of Children's Centers, and the number of Family Day Care Homes had more than doubled. The present staff was unable to keep up with the volume of work.

MOTION
Approval of License Board Budget Amendment

Dr. Southard moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of the License Board for a supervisor of Family Day Care Homes at a Grade 30 level according to the Pay and Classification Plan of Pinellas County, starting salary $7,425.60 for the first six months.
Dr. Finck announced the retirement of Miss Katherine J. Jones as Administrative Secretary for the Juvenile Welfare Board and expressed his appreciation for her extremely efficient and capable services over the past ten years.

**MOTION**

Acceptance of Miss Jones' resignation

Dr. Southard moved, and Mr. Anderson seconded a motion which carried, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Miss Katherine J. Jones as Administrative Secretary, effective January 9, 1970 plus additional earned vacation.

**MOTION**

Appointment of Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater as Administrative Secretary

Dr. Southard moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the appointment of Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater as Administrative Secretary of the Juvenile Welfare Board effective January 1, 1970.

Judge Page discussed the change in the Juvenile Welfare Board law to include the membership of the second Juvenile Court Judge. He expressed the opinion that if a ninth member was to be added in order to preserve an uneven number of Board members, this ninth member should be an elected official. Dr. Finck reported that he had discussed the proposal with Mr. Cooperman and that his suggestion had been that the ninth member be appointed by the Governor, making a total of five members appointed by the Governor and four public officials.

**MOTION**

Expansion of Juvenile Welfare Board

Commissioner Anderson moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion that the recommendation of Judge Page be adopted so that the second Juvenile Court judge would become a member of the Juvenile Welfare Board and that the manner of selecting the ninth member be decided by the Legislative Delegation.

**MOTION**

Amendment to Previous Motion

Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, with Commissioner Anderson and Judge Page not voting, that the proposed ninth member of the Juvenile Welfare Board be appointed by the Governor.

**MOTION**

Original Motion Passed with Amendment

The original motion as made by Commissioner Anderson and Judge Page, with the amendment proposed by Mrs. Speer and Mrs. Bissell, was then passed by the Board unanimously.

Dr. Finck stated that the Juvenile Welfare Board had been asked for suggestions for the Community Service award to be given to the volunteer who had contributed most to the youth of the County during the year 1969. It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. Carol Holland be again nominated for this award because of her outstanding work for special education and for retarded children.

Dr. Finck introduced Mr. James Bissette, second year student at Florida State University School of Social Work who has been working with Mr. Neet in developing materials about the care of children in Project Playpen and in Children's Centers. Mr. Bissette has been spending one-half day a week with the Juvenile Welfare Board and the plan for him to have experience in the area of community organization was developed in cooperation with the Social Work Department of the Pinellas County Schools.

Dr. Finck introduced Mrs. Beatrice S. Reiner, Marriage and Family Counselor, who talked to the Board about her experiences in Ethiopia where she taught at the Haile Selassie University School of Social Work in Addis Ababa. She described the
ways in which the concepts and practices of social work in the United States were modified to meet the specific needs of the situation in Ethiopia and discussed ways in which her experience there would prove of value to workers in the United States in areas of extreme economic deprivation.

The Activities Reports for the month of November 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, January 8, 1970.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell
Secretary