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PRESENT: Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. Roy M. Speer; Juvenile Court Judge Jack A. Page; and Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Thomas B. Southard. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Mr. Buford L. McKenzie, Director, Camps E-How-Kee and E-Nini-Hassee; Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Lewis, State Division of Family Services.

MOTION Approval of Minutes of February 5, 1970. Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the minutes of February 5, 1970.

MOTION Approval of expenditures for February. Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the expenditures for February: Checks #4124 through #4177 dated February 27; checks #4178 through #4217 dated March 5; and checks #4218 and #4219 dated March 31.

MOTION Omission of payments to Play Parc School. Following a discussion of the surplus available to Play Parc School at the end of the calendar year 1969, and the subsequent decision of the State Division of Mental Retardation not to consider this surplus in their allocation, Dr. Southard moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to omit the payments of $800 a month to Play Parc School for the months of February, March, April and May. This omission would reduce the budgeted amount from $9,600 to $6,400 for the year. The agreement with Play Parc School is corrected to read $9,600 as the original figure instead of $9,000 which was an error.

MOTION Approval of Salaries for March. Dr. Southard moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for the month of March on condition of completion of satisfactory service.

MOTION Approval of employment of Miss Catherine Dwyer at Child Guidance Clinic. Mrs. Speer moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of the Child Guidance Clinic to employ Miss Catherine Dwyer as a Social Worker II, at an annual salary of $10,500 instead of the $8,494 budgeted, effective February 9, 1970.

Dr. Finck introduced Mr. Buford McKenzie who presented slides and a most interesting discussion of the activities and programs at Camps E-How-Kee and E-Nini-Hassee. Mr. McKenzie explained the use of group techniques and processes in working with the boys and girls at these camps, with ten campers to each two counselors. The slides showed not only the areas in the neighborhood of the two camps near Brooksville and Floral City, but also recorded
some of the trips that have been taken in nearby rivers and in the Appal­
chian Mountains. Mr. McKenzie stated that all forty of the original group
of boys at Camp E-How-Kee, which opened in February 1968, have returned to
their homes and that the length of their stays at camp ranged from seven to
twenty-two months. Mr. McKenzie described, in detail, the way in which the
boys learn to cope with the situations in camp and how they were helped to
become ready for more formal education. The therapeutic value of the camp
experience was emphasized by Judge Page and by Mrs. Thomas of the State Di­
vision of Family Services.

The financial statement for the month of February, 1970 was reviewed by the
Board.

Dr. Finck explained the reports of children in foster care and in group care

Dr. Finck presented the Twenty-Second Annual Report to the Board and expres­
sed his disappointment over the printing that had been done by the Widere In­
terprint Company.

MOTION Twenty-Second Annual Report
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which
was carried, that the Board not accept the report as printed
and that Dr. Finck be authorized to enter into negotiations
to have the situation remedied.

The Activities Reports for the month of February, 1970 were presented to
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, April 2, 1970, at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary