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Meeting in Clearwater

January 7, 1971

PRESENT: Superintendent of Public Instruction, Thomas B. Southard, who presided as Chairman in the absence of Dr. Coleman; Mrs. William C. M. Bissell, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Mrs. R. Clark Robinson; and Mrs. Roy M. Speer. Also present: Dr. George H. Finck, Director; Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Assistant Director; Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Director, Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes; and Mr. William E. Neet, Project Supervisor.

MOTION Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which Approval of carried, to approve the minutes of the December 3 minutes December 3 minutes

MOTION Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which Approval of carried, to approve the expenditures for December: checks expenditures #5225 through #5271 dated January 7, 1971; and checks #5272 for December and #5273 dated January 29, 1971.

MOTION Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which Approval of carried, to approve the salaries as budgeted for January on salaries for the condition of completion of satisfactory service. Dr. January Finck reported that for the late counseling hours on Tuesday nights, from December 1 through December 22, the Marriage and Family Counseling Staff saw 41 persons during 47½ counseling hours at an extra cost to the Juvenile Welfare Board of \$316.03.

The financial statement for the month of December was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Finck reported that taxes were being received much more rapidly this year and that an additional \$200,000 had been invested in Certificates of Deposit during the first week in January.

MOTION Dr. Finck explained the proposal of the American National Transfer of Bank and Trust Company of South Pasadena to establish a checking account and a special time deposit account for the Juvenile Welfare Board. Under this proposal, only interest time amounts would be retained in the checking account sufficient deposit account to pay for the monthly expenditures, now approximately at American \$45,000. At the end of the month, monies would be transferred National Bank from the time deposit account to the checking account in order to cover the Board's salaries and other expenditures at the end of the month and as approved at the Board meetings. In response to a question, Dr. Finck stated that this account would be fully covered by F.D.I.C. up to \$20,000 and that any excess would be covered by collateral deposited in a special bank repository for which the Juvenile Welfare Board would be given safekeeping receipts. Dr. Southard stated that the Board of Public Instruction had several accounts similar to this and that the Board of Public Instruction was able to secure additional interest through the use of time deposit accounts. Mrs. Speer moved, and Mrs. Bissell seconded a motion which carried, to approve the proposal by the American National Bank and Trust Company of South Pasadena and to transfer

the present checking account from the Central Plaza Bank and Trust Company to the American National Bank and Trust Company of South Pasadena.

MOTION

Purchase of typewriter

Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request for the purchase of a new standard electric Royal typewriter, at a cost of \$239.50, to be secured through the Purchasing Department of the Pinellas County Schools. The motion also carried approval for the disposal of the old model which will be sold if possible.

The reports of children in group care for the month of November, 1970 and the reports of children in care with the Division of Family Services for December, 1970 were reviewed by the Board.

MOTION

Approval of request for secretary-bookkeeper for Project Playpen

Dr. Finck and Mr. Neet explained the need of Project Playpen for a paid person to replace the volunteer services of our former staff members who were carrying the workload for Project Playpen. Dr. Finck explained that much bookkeeping and reporting were necessary, particularly in regard to the funds received from the State Special Food Service Program which were amounting to about \$1,000 a month. Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mrs. Speer seconded a motion which carried, to approve the request of Project Playpen for a secretary-bookkeeper at a beginning salary not to exceed \$5,803.20, plus \$533.84 for Social Security and Retirement, or a total outlay of \$6,337.04.

Dr. Finck submitted the printing proposals for the 23rd Annual Report which included \$425.00 from the St. Petersburg Printing Company; \$248.00 from the Goodwill Industries; and \$152.00 from Fidelity Printing for 1,000 copies.

MOTION

Approval of accepting lowest bid for printing annual report.

Mrs. Bissell moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried, that Dr. Finck be authorized to accept the lowest bid of these three proposals.

Miss Ruth E. Jefferson, Director, Pinellas County License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes reported on the White House Conference on Children which was attended by 4,000 persons between December 13 and December 18, 1970. Miss Jefferson explained her role in the planning of Forum 17 which was concerned with developmental day care. She stated that about one-third of the mothers in the nation, who are working, have children under six. The Forum recommended the development of 5,000,000 developmental day care places for children under six by 1980. Miss Jefferson stated that in Pinellas County there were a total of 2,973 places for children in all day group care and 1,038 places for children in family day care homes, including Project Playpen, or a total of 4,011 places. Since there are approximately 47,000 children under six in Pinellas County, this would mean that we have licensed all-day care for children for about one child in every 12 as compared with the National goal to be reached by 1980 of places for one child in every nine. The Pinellas County figures do not include children in half-day kindergartens, either public or private. Miss Jefferson stated that there were about 80,000 children in the country in the Headstart Program and about 600 from Pinellas County. Dr. Finck pointed out that the Juvenile Welfare Board had begun to be concerned about day care and the needs of children of working mothers 20 years ago and that it appeared as if we had a running start on this important problem as compared with other parts of the nation.

The Activities Reports for the month of December, 1970 were reviewed. The Board discussed Dr. Edwards' discussions at Northeast High School Marriage and Family Living classes and expressed to Dr. Southard their interest in having this kind of approach made in the schools.

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, February 4, 1971.

Mrs. William C. M. Bissell
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