Meeting November 2, 1972

PRESENT:  Mrs. Roy M. Speer, Chairman; Dr. Robert E. Coleman, Jr., Vice Chairman; Mrs. James D. Eckert, Secretary; Mrs. H. W. Holland; Judge Jack A. Page; Mrs. Marilyn H. Robinson; Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction Gus Sakkis; and Judge William L. Walker. Also present: Dr. Raymond L. Edwards, Acting Director, and Mrs. Mary L. Broadwater, Administrative Secretary.

MOTION Approval of minutes
Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve as mailed the minutes of September 7, 1972.

MOTION Approval of minutes
Mrs. Robinson moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to approve as mailed the minutes of October 5, 1972.

MOTION Confirmation of telephone poll
Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to confirm a telephone poll of October 10, 1972 to affirm a decision to interview Mr. Alan Margolin for the Director's position.

MOTION Approval of expenditures for Sept. and Oct.
Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to approve expenditures for September: Checks #1612 through #1621 dated September 29, 1972; Check #1611 dated October 16, 1972; Checks #1681 through #1732 dated November 2, 1972; and Check #1733 dated November 30, 1972. Checks #1617, 1618, 1620 and 1621 to be held, and Dr. Edwards granted discretion to make payments when transactions completed.

MOTION Approval of Child Guidance requests for letter and for two positions retroactive to October
Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to pay these two salaries retroactively to October 16, 1972 and October 1, 1972 respectively.

MOTION Approval of Salaries as budgeted for November
Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to approve salaries as budgeted for November on completion of satisfactory service.

The Board reviewed the financial statements for October and the final statement for 1971-72.

Dr. Edwards commented that the Board would be sending out notices to the banks regarding investments of 1972-1973 tax monies.

The Board reviewed the reports of children in care for September and from the Division of Family Services for October. Judge Page informed the Board that the Boys Group Home #2 was in the process of being repaired due to publicity from the last Board meeting.
MOTION Approval of expenditures for GHFG

Mrs. Robinson moved and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried for the Board to pay for approximately $100.00 from rent portion of budget for miscellaneous items for Group Home for Girls which were not furnished in the new home.

MOTION Approval of purchase of GHFG furniture

Mrs. Holland moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried for the Board to pay for a refrigerator up to the amount of $165.00, contingent upon other arrangements, from already allocated funds.

MOTION Approval to back Judge Page on lease of Group Homes

Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion which carried to hold Judge Page harmless in the signing of Group Home leases in the event federal funding is terminated or if the lease liability extends beyond federal funding and federal funds are not available to cover such conditions.

MOTION Approval of signing of Agreements

Judge Walker moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to sign the Agreements which now contain the paragraph suggested at the October 5th meeting regarding federal funds.

There was a discussion as to the advisability of each lay member of the Board serving as a representative to a particular agency.

MOTION Appointment of representatives to agencies

Judge Walker moved, and Judge Page seconded a motion which carried to have the Chairman make assignments of lay Board members as representatives to other agencies at her discretion.

MOTION Approval of number of copies of NSS reports

Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to order 400 final reports from the National Study Service (of which we pay for 350) and 4,000 summary reports (of which the Board pays for 3,950).

MOTION Letter of Support to Florence Crittenton

Mrs. Robinson moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to approve enthusiastically the concept of the Florence Crittenton plans to extend services to girls who are alienated from their families, are under the guidance of other social agencies, or are "troubled teens" with emotional problems.

Judge Walker suggested that a format of handling future requests for letters of support be developed.

MOTION Letter of Support to Housing Authority

Mrs. Robinson moved, and Judge Walker seconded a motion which carried to send a letter of support of the concept of decentralization of social services to make services more readily available to the residents of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority. The Board directed Dr. Edwards to meet with Mr. Whitmore to further explore the specific plan as proposed.

MOTION Approval not to limit comp. time

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried that because of the abnormal situation, compensatory time for Dr. Edwards, Mr. Neet and Mrs. Broadwater should not be limited to 15 days. The overtime request is to be placed on the work session agenda on November 29.
Mr. Sakkis moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to approve the payment of necessary expenditures for Dr. Edwards to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Atlanta November 15-18.

Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded a motion which carried to pass over the agenda item on the audit in the absence of Mr. Glackin and to place it on the work session agenda.

The Activities Reports for October, 1972 were reviewed by the Board. Dr. Edwards discussed a pending supplementation of Project Playpen Reports as well as several other areas of the Activities Report which might be enriched. There was a discussion about the possibility of having a Board meeting at the Eckerd Group Home for Girls and the suggestion of requesting a quarterly report from that home was presented by Mrs. Robinson.

The next meetings of the Board were scheduled for November 29, 9:30 (Work Session) and December 7, 9:30 (Regular Meeting) both at the Detention Center. The Board will consider eliminating the December work session.

The Board recessed and reconvened. Discussion was opened concerning the appointment of the new Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mr. Sakkis seconded a motion which carried that Dr. Raymond L. Edwards be appointed Director. Mrs. Holland moved, and Mrs. Eckert seconded a motion which carried to appoint Dr. Edwards with a unanimous vote.

There was a discussion as to the salary of the Director.

Dr. Coleman moved, and Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion which carried approval that the Director's salary be set at $24,000.00. It was agreed that the salary be retroactive to November 1st.

Terms of the contract will be discussed at the next work session.

Mrs. Holland moved, and Dr. Coleman seconded a motion which carried that the meeting be closed.