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Meeting of September 25, 1952

Held in Clearwater

Present were Mrs. Bartlett, chairman; Mrs. Strickland, secretary; Mrs. Holland; Judge Gardiner; and Dr. Williams, Director.

There being no corrections, the minutes of the September 11 meeting were approved as submitted by mail.

The Director reported on two special expenditures; one out of the Trustee Fund, General Account, for a school outfit for Susan Fernandez, and the other for board of Elaine Grace for the period September 15 to 21. Judge Gardiner moved, and Mrs. Strickland seconded the motion to approve these two expenditures, the one for Susan Fernandez for \$8.94 and the one for Elaine Grace for \$10. Motion carried.

Following this Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that expenditures as represented in checks No. 2812 through 2837 in the General Operating Account and checks No. 319 through 323 in the School Counseling Account, and check No. 11 in the Trustee Account be approved for payment. The motion carried.

The Board prepared a letter to the Board of County Commissioners regarding failure to provide for the increase in the Director's salary for the coming fiscal year as certified in its budget to the Board of County Commissioners. (See copy of letter attached.) Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that the letter prepared by the Board be sent to the Board of County Commissioners over the signature of the Chairman of the Board. The motion carried.

The interagency agreement between the Juvenile Welfare Board and the State Welfare Department, District #4, was submitted and read. This is a renewal of the agreement which has been in effect for the past four years with a change in the date to make the agreement effective from October 1, 1952 through September 30, 1953, and with a change in amount from \$1700 per month to \$2000 per month to provide for increased board rates. Mrs. Holland moved that the agreement be approved. Judge Gardiner seconded, and the motion carried.

A letter from Mr. Arthur Shelton, father of Sandra, expressing appreciation for the help given Sandra was read and ordered filed.

The Director read the employment record and the recommendations regarding Mrs. Harriet R. Baeza who is being considered for employment as a social worker with the In-School Counseling Service. Following this, Judge Gardiner moved and Mrs. Holland seconded a motion that upon the recommendation of the Director of the Juvenile Welfare Board and of Mrs. Nenabelle G. Dame, project supervisor of In-School Counseling, and after presentation of qualifications, the Board approve the employment of Mrs. Baeza at a salary of \$300 a month through June 30, 1952. Motion carried.

The Director read a letter from Mr. Donald R. Lane of the Christian Science Committee on publication for the State of Florida in regard to amending the foster home and day nursery licensing law. After some discussion the Board asked the Director to inform Mr. Lane that the Board was taking the matter under consideration and would inform him of the results of the deliberations at a later date.

Mrs. Holland reported that Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Jackson had agreed to accept appointment to the Juvenile Welfare Board if the governor is willing to make the appointment.

Dr. Williams told about the visiting teacher workshop program for the coming year in which the visiting teachers will meet bi-monthly for discussion of problem cases.

Mrs. Bartlett, chairman, presented the objectives of the Juvenile Welfare Board as outlined in the fourth annual report and the Board discussed these. Further needs and objectives will be discussed at a later meeting of the Board.

The next meeting will be in Clearwater on Thursday, October 9. Meeting adjourned.

Kathleen Strickland

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St. Petersburg Office

September 25, 1952

Mr. R. Hosey Wick, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Commissioners Office
Courthouse
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Mr. Wick:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter and attached estimated revenues and expenditures of the Juvenile Welfare Board for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1952.

We notice that the attached estimated revenues and expenditures are the same as those in the budget certified by the Juvenile Welfare Board except for the omission of a salary increase for the Director in the amount of \$750.

Our original decision regarding this and other salary increases was arrived at after careful deliberation as being in the best interests of the work of the Juvenile Welfare Board. This action was taken following four years of outstanding and valuable service to the County by the Director, and after two previous attempts by our Board to give increases. On other occasions, the Director hesitated to accept any increase because he felt it would be out of line with similar positions for which increases had not been granted; however, in 1951, in recognition of the great advance in the cost of living and the reduced take-home pay, salaries on the same level in the County were increased by legislative action.

Upon receipt of your letter and attached material, the Juvenile Welfare Board has given further consideration to the matter and has secured from our legal adviser, Mr. Leonard Cooperman, an opinion that the Juvenile Welfare Board has authority to determine its own budget. This is to be found in section 1 of Chapter 24826, Laws of Florida, Special Acts of 1947 as amended, which provides that the Juvenile Welfare Board "shall adopt an annual fiscal year and budget"... and..."shall also anticipate its income and expenditures and prepare an annual budget of the same, which budget shall be certified to the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, on or before the first day of July of each year." After careful reconsideration the Juvenile Welfare Board has decided not to amend its budget as certified to the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the law above stated.

Appreciating your interest and cooperation in the activities of the Juvenile Welfare Board, we are

Sincerely yours,

Marguerite Blocker Bartlett
Chairman

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