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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Special Meeting - March 9, 1983

PRESENT: Mrs. Mary Wyatt Allen, Chairman; Mrs. Mary Frances Byrkit, Vice Chairman; Dr. Calvin D. Harris, Secretary; Commissioner John Chesnut, Jr.; Mrs. Helen W. Herman; Judge Jack A. Page; Dr. Scott Rose; and Mrs. Jo Ann Welch. Also present: Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Secretary; and Mr. Terry A. Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Allen called the meeting to order. Mr. Ken Deacon (attorney for Dr. Frank Osanka) and a court reporter were present.

Mrs. Allen read a statement in which she explained that Dr. Osanka had undergone eye surgery on March 1, 1983 and would not be present at this meeting; however, Mr. Smiljanich had determined that some proceedings could go forward, but that a final vote on termination could not be taken until Dr. Osanka has had an opportunity to respond in person.

Mr. Smiljanich explained the actions that could be taken tonight.

Dr. Rose arrived at the beginning of Mr. Smiljanich's remarks.

By general consent, the Board agreed to continue this meeting as Mr. Smiljanich and Mrs. Allen had outlined.

Mr. Smiljanich directed that a copy of the materials which he had sent to the Board and to which he will be referring during this meeting be made a part of the record of these proceedings. (Attached as addendum to minutes.)

Mr. Deacon was given the option to speak. He spoke briefly, but chose to postpone most of his comments until "we have the full hearing".

Mr. Smiljanich recapped Charge #1 re Dr. Osanka's failure to inform the Board that he had been terminated for cause by Lewis University when he was interviewed and hired for this job in that this constitutes a breach of his contract with the Board and constitutes cause for termination under his contract:

MOTION Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unani-
Charge #1 mously that, pending whatever information Dr. Osanka wishes to give, the Board finds probable cause to believe that this charge can be substantiated by the evidence and constitutes grounds for dismissal.

Mr. Smiljanich recapped Charge #2 re Dr. Osanka giving false personal information to law enforcement officials of St. Petersburg Beach on December 31, 1982:

MOTION Dr. Harris moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried that,
Charge #2 pending whatever information Dr. Osanka wishes to give, the Board finds probable cause to believe that this charge can be substantiated by the evidence and constitutes grounds for dismissal.

Commissioner Chesnut opposed this motion.

Mr. Smiljanich recapped Charge #3 re Dr. Osanka was dishonest to the Board and the staff and the public in connection with that incident at St. Petersburg Beach by the giving of different stories to the Board, to the public, and to the staff:

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Herman seconded a motion which carried unani-
Charge #3 mously that, pending whatever information Dr. Osanka wishes to give, the Board finds probable cause to believe that this charge can be substantiated by the evidence and constitutes grounds for dismissal.

Mr. Smiljanich recapped Charge #4 re Dr. Osanka was dishonest with Board member, Helen Herman, in a telephone conversation concerning the circumstances surrounding his termination by Lewis University involving sexual harassment:

MOTION
Charge #4 Mrs. Herman moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously that, pending whatever information Dr. Osanka wishes to give, the Board finds probable cause to believe that this charge can be substantiated by the evidence and constitutes grounds for dismissal.

Mr. Smiljanich recapped Charge #5 re Dr. Osanka conducted himself in an unprofessional manner in connection with two female clients of Marriage and Family Counseling:

MOTION
Charge #5 Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried that, pending whatever information Dr. Osanka wishes to give, the Board finds probable cause to believe that this charge can be substantiated by the evidence and constitutes grounds for dismissal.

Commissioner Chesnut opposed this motion.

Mr. Smiljanich recapped Charge #6 re reimbursement for long-distance telephone calls and the check dated December 15, 1982:

MOTION
Charge #6 Dr. Rose moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried that, pending whatever information Dr. Osanka wishes to give, the Board finds probable cause to believe that this charge can be substantiated by the evidence and constitutes grounds for dismissal.

Commissioner Chesnut and Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

Mr. Smiljanich stated that he currently plans to call upon Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater and Mr. Robert Glenn, two staff members, to substantiate the charges involving statements made to the staff by Dr. Osanka.

By general consent, the Board set Monday, April 4, 1983, 7:30 p.m., for the final hearing to which Dr. Osanka will be invited to appear to present any relevant matters he wishes on the charges.

MOTION
Dr. Osanka's Salary Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried unanimously to direct staff to hold Dr. Osanka's salary commencing March 10, 1983 in an interest-bearing escrow account.

Mrs. Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

The next meeting will be: March 10, 1983, 9:30 a.m. - regular meeting.



Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary