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JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD

Emergency Special Meeting - January 24, 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: Dr. Frank Osanka, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary Laura Broadwater, Executive Secretary; and Mr. Terry Smiljanich, Attorney at Law.

Mrs. Allen called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Rose to offer the prayer.

Mrs. Allen explained that this is an emergency meeting which she called as chairman of the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County. The decision to call the meeting was made at about 11:00 a.m. this morning, and the three major newspapers in Pinellas County had been notified immediately. She then called on Mr. Smiljanich to present new information.

Mr. Smiljanich reported that on January 20th he had received information concerning certain alleged unprofessional conduct by Dr. Osanka occurring in the last few months.

MOTION Judge Page moved, and Mrs. Byrkit seconded a motion which carried unanimously to suspend Dr. Osanka with pay until the Board re-convenes at the special meeting called for Tuesday, February 1st, at 7:30 p.m. That meeting has been designated as relating to possible termination proceedings under Dr. Osanka's employment contract.

Mr. Ken Deacon, attorney for Dr. Osanka, asked to be heard; however, Mr. Smiljanich stated that the Board had proceeded appropriately. When Mr. Deacon continued to speak, Mrs. Allen ruled him out of order.

Mrs. Allen said that, under the circumstances, she would appreciate it if Dr. Osanka would remove his personal effects from this office this evening, give his keys to Mr. Smiljanich, and please notify him of an appropriate time for Mr. Bill Antonelle of the staff to pick up the Board's property at his residence. She informed Dr. Osanka that if his suspension is lifted on Tuesday, February 1st, this procedure will be, of course, reversed. Since Board members had no objection to the above comments by Mrs. Allen, she stated that removal of personal effects would proceed as outlined by general consent.

The Board discussed appointment of Mr. Will Michaels, Mr. Bill Hicinbothem, and Mr. Carl Meisner as temporary interim director until the meeting of February 1st.

MOTION Mrs. Byrkit moved, and Mrs. Welch seconded a motion which carried to appoint Mr. Meisner as temporary interim director.
 Appointment of Temporary Interim Director Judge Page and Mrs. Allen opposed this motion.

MOTION Dr. Rose moved, and Dr. Harris seconded a motion which carried unanimously to instruct the Board attorney to proceed investigating the merits of the Board contract with the Bakers.
 Contract with Bakers

Mrs. Allen adjourned the meeting.


 Calvin D. Harris, Ed.D., Secretary