

JUVENILE WELFARE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 11, 1989 - EVENING

MINUTES

Present: Jo Ann Welch, Chairperson; Frank B. Diamond, Jr., Vice Chairperson; Thomas R. Moriarty, Secretary; Mary P. MacNamara; James E. Mills, Executive Director; Amy Daly, Executive Assistant

Mrs. Welch called the hearing to order at 6:07 p.m., and explained that due to the small number of individuals wishing to be heard that the 2-minute limit for speaking would be waived.

Presentation: The following individuals made presentations:

1. Clara Abrams, Hope Therapeutic Preschool, explained that she worked with severely emotionally disturbed preschool children and would like to see programs in the preschools for these children. She would also like to see a center-based parenting skills program, more drop-in child care centers and more time-out homes.
2. Judy Edwards, Parents Anonymous, spoke on behalf of the need for positive parenting, more parenting classes, full-time therapists in the schools, a place for teens to go and a need for teen/parent rap sessions.
3. Richard Murdock, Family Service Centers, spoke of the needs in the community and the need for an increase in the millage rate.
4. Sherri Wilson, a Project Playpen daycare mother, spoke about the the need for mandatory parenting classes and to increase the number of children permitted in a family day care home. She also praised the Neighborhood Care for Kids program.
5. Pat McChesney stated that as a tax payer she felt it unfair to tax single people, the elderly and the childless for programs for children. She doesn't want taxes to be raised.



Thomas R. Moriarty, Secretary