

Wellsville Elementary Site Council  
Wellsville Middle School Site Council  
Wellsville High School Site Council  
Joint Budget Committee Meeting Minutes from January 25, 2010

Site Council Members Present: Glenna Beckley, Cindi Carter, Marilyn Poor, Karen Lintner, Mindi Nelson, Beth Watson, Mona Minshull, Randall Renoud, Stephanie Salsberry, Barbara Kearney, Jennifer Landreth, Nancy Torneden, Mitch Lubin, Jim Soden, Stephanie Dickey, Emily McCullough, Miriam Barthol, Sheldon Pokorney, Kip Rush, Valerie Schendel, and Tammy Thomasson

Others in attendance: Janet Delgado, Amy Wright, Don Hrabe, Jean Bouse, Scott Overman, Ronna Overman, Alsie Chandler, Kris Beckley, Wes Brown, Kari Patton, Ron Bloss, Clyde Coons, Susan Radar, Kathy Corwine, and Jacqueline Holtz,

Mrs. O'Dea presented a power point that gave the history of school funding, law suits, and budget cuts. Mrs. O'Dea had several handouts for the audience (see school website [www.-wellsville-usd289.org](http://www.-wellsville-usd289.org) for information).

Handouts:

Costs of Operations (December 2009)  
Food Service Budget Discussion (November 2009)  
Buildings and Ground Personnel Report (December 2009)  
2009-2010 Students Per Period (November 11, 2009)

Mrs. O'Dea explained that since July 2009 Wellsville USD 289 has been cut approximately \$500,000. The district is currently facing a budget cut of \$204,000 and possibly more. Mrs. O'Dea is seeking ways to cut approximately \$250,000. She also explained that we would be able to use contingency reserve funds if necessary.

The goal of the District is to protect people and programs and to look at ways the budget can be reduced on a temporary basis. Currently schools are being funded by the State at below court mandated levels.

Mrs. O'Dea shared a list of reductions that have already been put in place:

Each Building Budget – reduced  
Athletic Budget – reduced  
Reduced the number of coaches  
Eliminated ITBS Testing

The audience asked several questions –

**Stimulus Funds** – The state used these funds to add to each district's per student funding – if these funds were not used in this manner each district would have faced even more cuts.

**USD 289 Budget** – Wellsville Schools has a total budget of approximately 5.8 million of general fund dollars of that amount approximately 4.9 million is used for salaries.

**Number of School Days** – The Wellsville School District goes by 1160 clock hours which equals 176 days for students. This is about 5 days more than necessary and is typically used for weather related days. If these days were reduced, students would have to make up days missed. The audience asked if these days could be reduced if they were not used at the end of the year. Mrs. O’Dea stated that the Board of Education could make that determination.

The audience asked for more information to be distributed to members prior to the February meeting:

Budget Reduction Ideas - Cost Savings -Possible Impact/Who Would Be Impacted

Some ideas brought out by the audience to review:

Pay to Play for sports

Longer School Days (more hours/less total days)

4 Day Week

Charging for students to ride the bus if they live more than 2.5 miles from the school

Block Scheduling vs. Regular Schedule

Middle School Philosophy

Mrs. O’Dea welcomes any suggestions, she can be reached via email at [dodea@usd289.net](mailto:dodea@usd289.net) or contact any site council member.

The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the High School Commons. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Please see the District Website for information presented at the meeting:  
[www.wellsville-usd289.org](http://www.wellsville-usd289.org)