

School District of the Menomonie Area Resolution for 100% Clean Energy by 2050.

WHEREAS, School districts around the state have begun to adopt goals for sustainability and clean energy, setting a goal of 100% clean energy by 2050;

WHEREAS, the School District of the Menomonie Area has assumed its responsibility and has already started to implement efficient, environmentally friendly practices in its buildings and maintenance projects, including investment into two solar projects in Dunn County;

WHEREAS, the District has already taken deliberate action to reduce energy consumption and lessen its carbon footprint [(suggestion delete) and the financial benefits and savings of transitioning the District's energy portfolio to clean energy far outweigh the cost imperatives of not doing so;]

WHEREAS, staff, student health, wellness, and academic achievement is connected directly to the health of our environment;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District [(suggestion add) will create a culture] that will [(suggestion delete) continue and] enhance our waste reduction and sustainable practices throughout its campuses, and a waste infrastructure that includes composting, recycling, and e-waste recycling that instills a culture of sustainability in all its members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School District of the Menomonie Area establishes goals to meet 50% of all of its [(suggestion add) electricity] [(Suggestion delete) district operations energy] needs with clean energy by 2035, 75% by 2040 and 100% by 2050;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as part of long-term maintenance planning, the Building and Grounds Department will devote time to planning for energy efficiency and clean energy. The head of Building and Grounds will include clean energy options in the annual report to the Board beginning with the next annual report. The Board will adopt clean energy options that are budgetary [(suggestion add) and educationally] responsible and support this policy;

[(suggestion add) Whereas, the process to achieve these goals needs to be realistic and sensitive to unintended impacts. Careful and ongoing planning is necessary to understand what is practical.]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the district [(suggestion add) will] [shall is better word] identify grants and other external funding resources to assist in our efforts to implement these goals;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District will seek partnerships with community businesses, organizations, and other governmental boards to develop clean energy

projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration of the Menomonie Area School District explores ways to encourage its providers of goods and services to change processes enough to make service reception and product disposal a healthy, simple and eco-friendly process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the students and staff will be included in the planning and implementation of this program, and to bring district policy in line with current educational practices and initiatives.