

## AGENDA / Meeting Summary

**Meeting:** Energy Committee

**Date:** Thursday, April 27

**Time:** 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**Location:** BOE – Room 123B or MS Team: click [HERE](#)

Time	Topic	Presenter
4:00	Welcome	Joel
4:05	Summer Referendum Project Summary / Feedback	Jeff/Joel
4:25	Committee Member Share-out	Committee Members
4:40	Energy Committee Progress	Joel
4:45	Survey / Next Steps	Joel
5:00	Closure	All

### Upcoming Energy Committee Meeting Dates

More information will be shared out over summer on an August meeting date

**In Attendance:** Gabby Augustyn, Jeff Nestor, Jeremy Gragert, Katrina Berg, Regan Watts, Julie Thoney, Jim Boulter, Joel Dimock

### Referendum and Capital Project Updates

- Jeff shared a number of updates regarding current and upcoming projects. Summer is a busy time, especially with the enhancement of many properties in ECASD pertaining to the most recent referendum.
- Anticipated to receive somewhere between \$40,000 and \$68,000 in rebates with the installation of new equipment such as boilers and air handlers. Jeff reported that the district will re-invest money from these rebates in products that will help us reach our environmental goal.
- A discussion took place around biodiversity on our school grounds. Jeremy share that as we re-plant trees on our properties, it would benefit us to reach out to Matt Stoudamire (sp?) with the forestry department. Gabby suggested that if there is land/grass that is not currently used, perhaps a clover grass could be introduced, which requires low maintenance and is more environmentally friendly than traditional grass used on school property. Jim and Jeremy both shared insight on a “tree inventory,” which UWEC utilizes in ensuring a diverse and sustainable tree population.
- New carpet at North is recyclable. It is called Kinetix.

- ASTR, our architectural firm, is undertaking our baseline emissions testing. This work should be done by August, in time to present findings to the board. It will also provide recommendation as to what we can do, and what impact it will have, on achieving our environmental goal. Members of the Energy Committee expressed interest in reviewing the reports when it was finalized; Jim expressed interest in using the report as a teaching tool with his college students.
- Jeff mentioned that the turf field projects have not yet started; this work on turf fields will begin this summer.

#### **Committee Member Share-out**

- Regan shared that the composting grade will be made available soon. This grant can award up to \$1,000 per school. There is support from volunteers to help get these pieces up and rolling in our schools should the grants come to fruition.
- Gabby shared information about ECASD/Memorial Environmental Science students who have been creating redevelopment plans for downtown Eau Claire. On Friday, June 2 at 9 a.m. there will be a presentation in the school library for people interested in learning more about our students' vision for the future. (See attached flyer)
- Gabby mentioned that the garden at Memorial is dried up due to snow being piled on the garden over the course of the winter. They are adjusting and watering, but wondered if the snow could be stored elsewhere to avoid future dry outs.

#### **Energy Committee Progress**

- Joel shared an update with the group on some progress made this school year. Many of the initial brainstorm ideas from our first meeting have been "operationalized" in the referendum and capital projects taking place. (see attached document)

#### **Survey / Next Steps**

- Joel will share a short survey (see attached) to obtain feedback on this years Energy Committee. Joel stated he would reach out to the committee in early August to finalize an August date for the meeting, which we hope to hold before the Board of Education hears the annual report from the energy committee.