

**MCCLUSKY-GOODRICH
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS
REORGANIZATION PLAN**

INTRODUCTION

This is a proposal for the reorganization of the Goodrich and McClusky Public School Districts. Currently the school districts are collaborating while offering local programs, which are K-12 in both districts. They have worked together for years in such areas as co-curricular activities, vocational-technical education, sharing administration and staff, purchasing, and special services. During increased shortages in teaching specialties and amid declining enrollment each of the school boards has decided to be proactive regarding the future of their school districts. The Goodrich High School grades 7-12 closed in 2021, and at that time a cooperative agreement between the two high schools was established.

The current and projected enrollments are included in the plan and indicate that they are in steady decline in both districts. By pooling resources, personnel, and students, programs will be maintained and enhanced. The McClusky-Goodrich Public School District will continue to provide high quality education to all the children of the new district.

TIMELINE

The following timeline is proposed as a guide to facilitate the school district reorganization process and plan:

November-December 2021 - Both School Boards approved to start working on the reorganization plan.

December 2021- January 2022- The Boards will work to draft a reorganization plan.

February 2022 – Public meetings will be held in each school district to discuss the reorganization plan.

March 2022 - Reorganization Plan approved by both school boards.

April 2022 - County committee hearing on reorganization plan (14-day notice)

April/May 2022 - State Board hearing on the reorganization plan.

September 2022- Public Meeting regarding the plan and election

November 2022 Election to reorganize (14-day notice)

February 2023 New School Board Election

July 1 2023 New District starts to operate

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY INFORMATION

The boundary of the proposed reorganized district is attached as Appendix A

DISTRICT SIZE AND ENROLLMENT

The enrollment of the present school districts for the years 2022-2023 is 97 and projected enrollments for the years 2023-2026 approximately 100 students.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education for the McClusky-Goodrich Public School District will consist of (5) board members. It is proposed that there will be two members from within the boundaries of McClusky District, one from Goodrich District, and two at large members. All the electors in the McClusky-Goodrich School District will be eligible to vote for all candidates. Terms would be 4 years. The first election would have 3 year terms for 1 Goodrich, 1 McClusky and 1 at large board members. 1- year term for one McClusky member and 1 at large member. The candidate with the highest votes in each category gets the longer term.

CURRICULA

Elementary School

It is proposed that the McClusky-Goodrich School District will offer instruction and

services in the elementary schools that includes, but may not be limited to: language arts, reading, mathematics, social studies, science, physical education, counseling, special education, music, art, computer technology, media and library services, health, and other curricular offerings designated by the State of North Dakota and as determined by the Board.

Title I instruction will be furnished dependent upon the availability of federal funds.

Grades 7-8

It is proposed that junior high students will have access to programs and services in the following disciplines, but may not be limited to: science, mathematics, English, social studies, physical education, special education, family consumer science, vocal and instrumental music, vocational-technical education, computer technology, health, and other courses as determined by the Board or required by the State of North Dakota.

High School

It is proposed that senior high students will have access to programs and services in the following disciplines, but may not be limited to: science, mathematics, English/communications, foreign language, social studies, physical education, special education, counseling, vocal and instrumental music, vocational-technical education, family consumer science, computer technology, health, and dual credit courses as determined by the Board or the State of North Dakota.

STAFFING

Administration

It is proposed that the McClusky-Goodrich School District will attempt to hire a superintendent who would be the chief executive officer by March 1, 2023. It is recommended that principal/s be hired and given adequate time, salary and resources to effectively perform their duties.

Faculty & Other Professional Staff

By law all certified teachers will be non-renewed under their previous school districts. Staff will be offered employment under provisions of the new district.

Ancillary & Support Staff

It is proposed that the current personnel employed as business managers, paraprofessionals, custodians, cooks, bus drivers, etc., continue to be employed as needed. It is anticipated that additional secretary time may be necessary.

FACILITIES

Location & Current Condition of Buildings

The facilities in the Goodrich Public School District house grades K-6 in approximately 34,000 square feet and appear to be in good condition. The current structure was started about 1911 and has had one addition in 1960. This building provides classrooms, library services, technology, and physical education/athletic, and food service facilities adequate to provide good educational experiences for the students. The district also possesses a 4 stall bus garage which could be heated.

McClusky Public School District facilities include two buildings with a total of approximately 57,000 square feet. The high school was originally constructed in 1922, with a south wing added in 1974. It was rated to be in excellent condition and offered office spaces, adequate classrooms, science labs, a vocational area, gymnasium, a technology room, and

library. Recent adjustments in vocational-technical education provides for excellent educational experiences in this field. The High School building also featured a meeting area via collaborative efforts between the American Legion Club and the school district. A second building consisting of classrooms for grades K-6 was built in 1965. It contains a multi-purpose room used as a K-12 lunchroom. It was rated to be in outstanding condition and has excellent ADA accessibility. The district also possesses a 10 stall bus garage that is partially heated.

Both of the campuses offered adequate playgrounds and necessary athletic fields. Both districts featured distance learning studios and excellent computer technology programs.

Intended Building Use in the New District

Goodrich School and McClusky School each have useable buildings. The Board is expected to close Goodrich building and maintain both buildings in McClusky. The Goodrich building will be kept up for one year after being closed for community use if needed. If the board determines the building should be sold, the City of Goodrich has first option to purchase, followed by Goodrich Rural Fire Department, the Goodrich Park Board, and the American Legion Post of Goodrich before going to public sale.

Student Transportation

Every effort will be made to plan transportation that minimizes overlapping in the new district and so that efficient and safe transfer of students can occur (there is a possibility of utilizing the Goodrich bus garage).

Other Governmental Agencies

It is proposed that the McClusky-Goodrich School District, after approval by the voters, will be provided special education services by the Lonetree Special Education Unit and Central Region Education Association (CREA).

Transfer of School Records

Permanent school records from the Goodrich School shall be transferred to the McClusky School for permanent housing no later than June 30, 2023. Goodrich Administration will be responsible for the moving of said documents.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

PROPERTY TAXABLE VALUATION

The following table indicates the current taxable valuation of each existing school district along with their taxable valuation per student. The table also shows both the taxable valuation and taxable valuation per student of the new district. These numbers are as of June 30, 2021.

District	# of Students	Taxable Valuation	Per Student Valuation
Goodrich Public School (K-6)	10	\$4,245,860.00	\$424,586
McClusky Public School (K-12)	87	\$7,934,525	\$91,201
Sheridan County School (K-12)	97	\$12,180,385	\$125,571

BONDED AND OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

The following table portrays the bonded indebtedness and other debts and/or notes payable for each of the school districts in this proposal and that the McClusky-Goodrich School District will assume all current debts:

District	Type of Debt	Year of Retirement	Debt Amount
Goodrich	No outstanding Debt		
McClusky	No outstanding Debt		

DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

It is proposed that the entire ending general fund balances of each school district on June 30, 2023, be deposited in the general fund of the McClusky-Goodrich School District. In addition, building fund balances will be pooled to create a beginning building fund balance.

	General Fund	Special Reserve	Building Fund	
Goodrich	\$254,751	\$47,000	\$400	
McClusky	\$216,714	\$119,753	\$98,424	

LIABILITIES

The McClusky-Goodrich School District will assume all liabilities of each of the former districts.

PROPERTY DISPOSITION

It is proposed that all property, such as but not limited to, buildings, building contents, instructional supplies and materials, equipment, buses, land, etc., owned by each of the former districts will be transferred to the McClusky-Goodrich School District.

HISTORIC AND PROJECTED ENROLLMENT⁵⁰²

Goodrich Year	Grades	Enrollment	Avg Cost Per Pupil	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
2017-2018	K-12	23.46	\$27,010	\$687,088	\$692,723	\$199,593
2018-2019	K-12	23.66	\$27,718	\$693,416	\$700,918	192,092
2019-2020	K-12	19.04	\$33,970	\$683,083	\$739,587	135,588
2020-2021	K-6	11.18	\$40,383	\$663,748	\$537,633	\$261,703

McClusky Year	Grades	Enrollment	Avg Cost Per Pupil	Revenue	Expenses	Ending Balance
2017-2018	K-12	86.92	\$14,643	\$1,527,457	\$1,654,285	\$534,552
2018-2019	K-12	83.31	\$18,501	\$1,659,809	\$1,780,738	\$450,117
2019-2020	K-12	86.73	\$17,604	\$1,651,188	\$1,706,313	\$394,992
2020-2021	K-12	87.53	\$19,183	\$1,769,616	\$1,947,894	\$216,714

PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

*****Revenue could be calculated by #students (97) x state payment (10,237)**

Ball Park Revenue: \$992,989

It is projected that the general fund mill levy rate for the new District will be 60 Mills.

It is proposed that the McClusky-Goodrich School District establish a 5 mill Building Fund Levy to be used to remodel and repair buildings. \$60,000

It is proposed that the Sheridan County School District establish a Special Reserve Fund @ mills would be \$36,000

It is proposed that the Sheridan County School District establish a Tuition Fund @ 3 mills \$36,000

APPENDIX A

Property Descriptions

NOTE: It is the intent of this reorganization plan to include all of the property that is currently part of the Goodrich School District which lies in Sheridan County and McClusky School District which lies in Sheridan County and Burleigh County.

Goodrich Public School District:

Sheridan County

Mauch Township - All

Sperry Township - All

Goodrich Township - All

Denhoff Township - All

Boone Township - All

Mertz Township - All

Fairview Township - Section 13, S ½ of Section 14, West ½ and SE ¼ and West ½ of NE ¼ of Section 15, Sections 16-36

Schiller Township - Section 13-36

Lamont Township - Section 13 and the SE ¼ of Section 12

McClusky Public School District

Sheridan County

Edgemont Township-All

Johns Lake Township-All

Whittaker Township-All

Lamont Township - All except Section 13 and SE 1/4 Section 12

McClusky Township-All

Pickard Township - All except Section 6;7, N 1/2 of 18;19; 30; 31 and NW 1/4 of Section 32.

Prophets Township - All except Sections 5-8; 17-20;29-32

Mountain City Township - All

Hellman Township - All

Lincoln-Dale Township - All except Sections 1;2; 11; 12

Harris Township - All

Holmes Township - All except Sections 7;8; 17-20;29-32

Highland Township - Only Sections 29-32

Granville Township - All except Sections 1-6;9-12; N 1/2 E 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 15; 19; E 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 22

Burleigh County

Township #144, Range 78, Section 4, Government lots 1-4

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