MSD: Board Operational Goals

Local school boards exemplify American principles of representative democracy. Ultimately accountable to the public, local school boards act as community decision-making agencies for the public schools and represent their community to local, state, and national agencies. The Millard Board of Education affirms that the needs of public education and the citizenry are best met when control of the schools rests with a lay board.

1. Standards of Local Board Operations. The Board should function in a nonpartisan, broadly representative, team-spirited manner. Every Board member should represent the entire District open-mindedly and allow consideration for the entire District to take precedence over partisanship and special interests, including political, racial, religious, geographic, economic, social, civic, or other interests. The Board should strive to achieve the best educational system possible with available funds and respond to changes and taxpayer demands.

2. Open Board Meetings and Public Information. The Board should conduct District business in open session except as otherwise provided by law and should endeavor by every possible means to inform the public concerning the schools.

3. Written Policy: Adoption and Execution. The Board should adopt clearly defined written policies based on a thorough understanding of the educational process. In formulating policies, the Board should consult individuals and groups affected by the policies and properly delegate execution of those policies to employed professional administrators.

4. Service to Students. The individual needs and interests of students shall be uppermost in making policy decisions and solving problems.

5. Financial Independence. The Board will promote efforts to assure the financial stability and independence of the District from unwanted federal mandates so local governance remains of greatest value in educating children and the Board can reject mandates without hardship to students or families when legally and practically appropriate.

Source: MSD Policy 1030, approved 2022.