

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 6:30 PM
East Butler School
212 South Madison Street
Brainard, NE 68626-0036

1. Call Meeting To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Flag Salute/Open Meetings Act Statement
4. Mission & Vision Statement
5. School Board Goals
6. Celebration of #EvenBetter
7. Patron's Comments
8. Discussion/Informational Items
 - 8.1. Baseball Discussion
 - 8.2. Summer Projects Update
 - 8.3. Work Session Recap
 - 8.4. 2025-2026 Budget Information
9. Consent Agenda
 - 9.1. Approval of Minutes
 - 9.2. Treasurer's Report
 - 9.3. Approval of Resignations and Hires
 - 9.4. Appoint School Board Treasurer
 - 9.5. Authorization of Transfers
 - 9.6. Appoint New Foundation Board Members

10. Regular Agenda

10.1. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on the policy revisions

10.2. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on the proposed capacity numbers for the 2026-2027 school year.

10.3. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the Resolution to increase the district's base growth percentage by up to an additional seven percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law.

11. Administrative Comments

12. Adjournment

East Butler Public School District
Board of Education
Goals for 2024-2025

Focus on Academic Excellence and Well-Being for All

- Continue to pursue more dual credit offerings and tuition reimbursement opportunities for high school students, as well as monitor the percentage of graduating seniors that leave with 12+dual credit hours.
- Enhance professional learning opportunities for staff.
- Continue to monitor the effectiveness of our before/after school programming.
- Continued focus on staff retention.
- Expand and further communicate resources and programming for mental and social-emotional health and support for students and staff.

Facility Planning to Address Short-Term and Long-Term Needs

- Work to maximize proactive efficiency through strategic use of 3-5 year building project plans that will be reviewed and adjusted as needed.
- Keep track of phased projects and updates and make sure the progress of each is communicated well throughout our school district communities.
- Identify and implement necessary school safety improvements.

Prioritize Responsible Budgeting and Tax Request Protocols

- Work towards consistent levy management and property tax revenue requests.
- Look at ways to maximize efficiency as we focus on needs vs. wants with a strong checks and balances system in place.
- Align 3-5 year General Fund budget plan with 3-5 year Building Fund project plan

Enhance Communication and Engagement

- Increase the number of special events, promotions, and recognitions.
- Find ways to use existing technology to its maximum capacity.
- Emphasize ways to communicate to all community members.
- Continue to utilize postal mail, paper bulletins, and board briefs.
- Look to maintain or increase student enrollment through continued communication and engagement efforts with current and potential student families.
- Consider implementing some new events like Community Coffees, Lunch & Learns, and/or a Board Town Hall.

SUMMER PROJECTS 2025

Project	Est. Cost	Start Date	
Madison Street Drainage	\$100,000	June 9	COMPLETED
Madison Street Tree Removal	\$10,875	May 24	COMPLETED
2nd & 3rd Grade - Brainard - Carpet, Cabinets, lights	\$66,820	May 27	COMPLETED
HS Biology Classroom	\$54,277	May 27	Abatement - COMP. Floor Tile - Comp.
Main Gym Floor - Resealing	\$3,300	July 7	COMPLETED
MPR Floor - Resealing	\$1,500	July 7	COMPLETED
Stripe parking spaces.	\$300	July	
Carpet - HS Math & English	\$8,179	June	COMPLETED
House Demolition	\$29,000	June 9th	COMPLETED
TOTAL	\$274,251		

Projected Budget Numbers 2025-2026

(August 13, 2025)

Projected land valuations for 2025-2026

Butler - \$741,751,912 (+21.10%)

Saunders - \$450,032,528 (+12.3%)

Seward - \$110,686,383 (+12.95%)

TOTAL - \$1,302,470,823 (+12.76%)

STATE AID

- \$543,718 (24-25 — \$501,247)

Property Tax Authority Lid

- \$8,888,363 (24-25 — \$7,655,979)
 - To increase above that amount, 70% of the board would have to vote in favor, allowing you to increase it by an additional 7%, totaling—\$9,522,781 (an additional \$634,418).

General Fund

\$8,119,080 (-1.8%)

\$6,542,341 tax asking - Levy 0.502302 (24-25 — 0.588447)

Special Building Fund

\$2,379,437 (+37%)

\$1,387,462 tax asking - Levy 0.106525 (24-25 — 0.081579)

Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund (QCPUF)

\$509,012 (+19%)

\$222,991 tax asking - Levy 0.017121 (24-25 — 0.020057)

TOTAL TAX ASKING

\$8,152,794 tax asking - Levy 0.625948 (24-25 — 0.690082)

- This puts the tax asking over the authority limit by **\$267,950 (requiring the use of the additional 7%)**
 - General Fund & Special Building Fund

Projected Budget Numbers 2025-2026

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Five-Year Facility Plan (Utilizing the Special Building Fund)

- Classroom Cabinets, ceiling, and lighting- \$70,000 (K & 1st Grade Brainard)
- East Parking Lot - \$700,000
- Replace Carpet - Room 109 (Social Studies)
- Roof Work - \$207,000 (Summer of 2027)
- Rooftop replacement (\$75,000)
- HVAC Control System (\$70,000)
- Bleacher Replacement - Student & Visitor section of the football field.

Other Considerations

- Fitness Center & Auxiliary Gym, and Track.

Student Fee Hearing

Monday, July 14, 2025 6:10 P.M.

East Butler School - Brainard, NE

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2. Roll Call - Present: Brandon Jisa, Megan Kozisek, Ryan Pekarek, Laurie Smaus, and Sarah Strizek. Absent: Dylan Spatz. Also present: Mr. Michael Eldridge, Superintendent, Mr. Mark Cidlik, Secondary Principal, and Mr. Shawn Biltoft, Elementary Principal.

3. Open Meetings Act Statement/Flag Salute

4. Discussion/Informational Items

4.1. Student Fee Information

5. Adjournment

Adjourn at 6:20 p.m. passed with a motion by Brandon Jisa and a second by Ryan Pekarek.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

Michael Eldridge
Recording Secretary

Parental Involvement Hearing
Monday, July 14, 2025 6:20 P.M.
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3. Open Meetings Act Statement/Flag Salute

4. Discussion/Informational Items

4.1. Parental Involvement Policy

5. Adjournment

Adjourn at 6:30 p.m. passed with a motion by Brandon Jisa and a second by Ryan Pekarek.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

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3. Flag Salute/Open Meetings Act Statement

4. Mission & Vision Statement - East Butler Public Schools will develop respectful, responsible, and productive citizens. Vision Statements - Create a safe environment of respect and mental well-being for students and staff; Continue the pursuit of commitment, collaboration, and communication among students, staff, and community members; and Construct a curriculum that is rigorous, adaptable, utilizes technology, and aligns with recognized standards.

5. School Board Goals - These include: Focus on Academic Excellence and Well-Being for All; Facility Planning to Address Short-Term and Long-Term Needs; Prioritize Responsible Budgeting and Tax Request Protocols; and Enhance Communication and Engagement

6. Patron's Comments - None

7. Discussion/Informational Items

7.1. 2025-2026 Budget Information - Mr. Eldridge shared with the school board the work that has been done to prepare for the new budget and tax asking and the timeline.

7.2. Summer Projects Update - Mr. Eldridge provided the board with an update on the summer projects. Projects moving forward for this summer are: 2nd & 3rd - grade classroom - Brainard renovation, Biology Classroom, Madison Street Drainage - Brainard. A majority of these are part of the district's five-year facility plan.

7.3. School Donation Discussion/Information - Mr. Eldridge shared with the school board that a patron has approached the school about donating financially towards a future building project. The school board discussed this topic at length and directed Mr. Eldridge to contact the patron to continue the discussions.

8. Consent Agenda

8.1. Approval of Minutes

8.2. Treasurer's Report

8.3. Approval of Resignations and Hires

8.4. Approve the appointment of Foundation Board Members

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented passed with a motion by Sarah Strizek and a second by Ryan Pekarek.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

9. Regular Agenda

9.1. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on the policy revisions.

The Board reviewed policies 3017 through 3026. No action was taken since there were no changes to these policies.

9.2. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on the 2025-2026 Parent/Student Handbook.

To approve the 2025-2026 Parent/Student Handbook passed with a motion by Brandon Jisa and a second by Laurie Smaus.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

9.3. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on the 2025-2026 Staff Handbook.

To approve the 2025-2026 Staff Handbook passed with a motion by Ryan Pekarek and a second by Sarah Strizek.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

9.4. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for 2025-2026.

To approve the EOP for 2025-2026 passed with a motion by Sarah Strizek and a second by Laurie Smaus.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

9.5. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to purchase a new school bus.

Mr. Eldridge presented bids received for the purchase of a new regular route bus and a new microbus for activities and routes. The purchase of a 14-passenger microbus for activities is necessary because the 12-passenger activity vans are being phased out for school transportation needs.

The purchase of a 65-passenger Bluebird Vision at a cost of \$135,525 and a Microbird, a 14-passenger bus at a cost of \$99,350 passed with a motion by Brandon Jisa and a second by Ryan Pekarek.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

(Depreciation funds will be used for this purchase - the depreciation fund is used as a savings account for larger expenditures).

9.6. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on the proposed Special Education route pay.

The administrative team presented information to the school board regarding the need to adjust SPED route pay for those staff members that are willing to transport our Special Education students to and from school each day.

To adjust the Special Education route pay to \$25 per route (\$25 for the morning, and \$25 for the afternoon - for a total of \$50 per day) passed with a motion by Brandon Jisa and a second by Ryan Pekarek.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

10. Administrative Comments

Mr. Biltoft reported on: Reading and Math Program (RAMP); Summer Library Program; Parent-Student Handbook/Staff Handbook/Emergency Operations Plan;

Conscious Discipline/MANDT Training; Professional Learning Days; and Administrator Days.

Mr. Cidlik reported on: Mandt Training; Administrative Conference; 7th Grade and New Student Orientation; Parent-Student Handbook/Teacher Handbook; SkillsUSA; and Professional Learning Days.

11. Adjournment

Adjourn at 8:09 p.m. passed with a motion by Ryan Pekarek and a second by Brandon Jisa.

Dylan Spatz: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Laurie Smaus: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

Michael Eldridge
Recording Secretary

Board of Education Work Session
Monday, July 28, 2025 6:30 P.M.
East Butler School - Brainard, NE

1. Call Meeting To Order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call - Present: Brandon Jisa, Megan Kozisek, Ryan Pekarek, Dylan Spatz, and Sarah Strizek. Absent: Laurie Smaus. Also present: Mr. Michael Eldridge, Superintendent, Mr. Mark Cidlik, Secondary Principal, and Mr. Shawn Biltoft, Elementary Principal.

3. Flag Salute/Open Meetings Act Statement

4.. Patron's Comments

5. Discussion/Informational Items

5.1. Board Work Session Information & Discussion

To enter into closed session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss the 2025-2026 school budget and tax asking and to protect the financial interests of the district passed with a motion by Ryan Pekarek and a second by Dylan Spatz.

Laurie Smaus: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Dylan Spatz: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

Exited at 9:15 p.m.

6. Adjournment

To adjourn at 9:17 p.m. passed with a motion by Dylan Spatz and a second by Ryan Pekarek.

Laurie Smaus: Absent, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Dylan Spatz: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

Michael Eldridge
Recording Secretary

Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>During Month</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Budget Balance</u>
01 1100	PROPERTY TAXES	6,476,918.00	0.00	6,834,273.53	105.52	(357,355.53)
01 1115	CARLINE	2,500.00	0.00	1,998.49	79.94	501.51
01 1120	PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT-SALES TAX	10,000.00	0.00	7,785.68	77.86	2,214.32
01 1125	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	275,000.00	0.00	300,325.57	109.21	(25,325.57)
01 1370	PRE-SCHOOL TUITION	13,000.00	0.00	15,110.00	116.23	(2,110.00)
01 1510	INTEREST	2,500.00	0.00	34,513.71	1,380.55	(32,013.71)
01 1800	COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES	0.00	0.00	16,540.00	0.00	(16,540.00)
01 1911	LOCAL LICENSE FEES	0.00	0.00	2,315.00	0.00	(2,315.00)
01 1990	MISC LOCAL REV	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00
Subtotal: LOCAL RECIEPTS		6,799,918.00	0.00	7,212,861.98	106.07	(412,943.98)
01 2110	COUNTY FINES/LICENSES	25,000.00	0.00	20,245.18	80.98	4,754.82
01 2130	OTHER COUNTY RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	43.02	0.00	(43.02)
01 2210	ESU RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	2,157.65	0.00	(2,157.65)
Subtotal: 2000		25,000.00	0.00	22,445.85	89.78	2,554.15
01 3110	STATE AID	501,247.00	0.00	501,247.00	100.00	0.00
01 3120	SPED PROGRAMS/SCHOOL AGE	575,000.00	0.00	582,160.00	101.25	(7,160.00)
01 3125	SPED TRANSPORTATION/SCHOOL AGE	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
01 3130	HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	0.00	0.00	61,121.15	0.00	(61,121.15)
01 3400	STATE APPORTIONMENT	75,000.00	0.00	147,899.37	197.20	(72,899.37)
01 3551	CAREER EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00	(7,500.00)
01 3990	OTHER STATE RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	186.52	0.00	(186.52)
Subtotal: 3000		1,166,247.00	0.00	1,300,114.04	111.48	(133,867.04)
01 4105	UNIVERSAL SERVICES E-RATE	7,000.00	0.00	971.82	13.88	6,028.18
01 4310	REAP	0.00	0.00	27,697.00	0.00	(27,697.00)
01 4505	TITLE I	0.00	0.00	36,457.00	0.00	(36,457.00)
01 4511	TITLE VI (REAP)	27,697.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,697.00
01 4518	SPED IDEA Part B	90,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90,000.00
01 4708	MEDICAID IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	10,000.00	0.00	7,888.97	78.89	2,111.03
Subtotal: 4000		134,697.00	0.00	73,014.79	54.21	61,682.21
01 5690	OTHER NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS	15,000.00	0.00	56,061.81	373.75	(41,061.81)
Subtotal: 5000		15,000.00	0.00	56,061.81	373.75	(41,061.81)
01 9000	NON-PROGRAM RECEIPTS	650,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	650,000.00
Subtotal: NON-PROGRAM RECEIPTS		650,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	650,000.00
Fund Total:		8,790,862.00	0.00	8,664,498.47	98.56	126,363.53

Fund: 05 ACTIVITY FUND

<u>Chart of Account Number</u>	<u>Chart of Account Description</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Balance Change</u>	<u>Balance</u>
05 704	FUND BALANCE	*Previous Balance				146.40
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	146.40
05 704 2001	ACADEMIC DECATHALON	*Previous Balance				1,080.80
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,080.80
05 704 2002	AG MEMORIALS	*Previous Balance				360.63
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.63
05 704 2003	ANNUAL	*Previous Balance				14,503.13
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,503.13
05 704 2004	ATHLETIC	*Previous Balance				10,056.61
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,056.61
05 704 2006	CHEERLEADERS	*Previous Balance				2,521.58
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,521.58
05 704 2007	CLOSE UP	*Previous Balance				1,962.03
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,962.03
05 704 2008	COLLEGE ACCESS GRANT	*Previous Balance				103.75
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	103.75
05 704 2009	CONCESSIONS	*Previous Balance				6,171.46
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,171.46
05 704 2010	DANCE TEAM	*Previous Balance				204.51
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	204.51
05 704 2011	DRAMA	*Previous Balance				4,759.16
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,759.16
05 704 2012	DRUG FREE PROGRAM	*Previous Balance				395.49
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	395.49
05 704 2014	FBLA	*Previous Balance				1,425.91
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,425.91
05 704 2015	FCCLA	*Previous Balance				2,933.64
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,933.64
05 704 2016	FFA	*Previous Balance				19,300.46
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,300.46
05 704 2017	FFA GREENHOUSE	*Previous Balance				20,448.56
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,448.56
05 704 2025	CLASS OF 2025	*Previous Balance				11.08

Fund: 05 ACTIVITY FUND

<u>Chart of Account Number</u>	<u>Chart of Account Description</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Balance Change</u>	<u>Balance</u>
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.08
05 704 2026	CLASS OF 2026	*Previous Balance				2,001.95
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,001.95
05 704 2027	CLASS OF 2027	*Previous Balance				3,482.55
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,482.55
05 704 2028	CLASS OF 2028	*Previous Balance				71.43
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.43
05 704 3001	LAPTOP INITIATIVE	*Previous Balance				14,299.28
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,299.28
05 704 3002	LETTERCLUB	*Previous Balance				1,588.94
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,588.94
05 704 3004	MUSIC	*Previous Balance				404.73
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	404.73
05 704 3005	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	*Previous Balance				263.83
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	263.83
05 704 3006	SPEECH	*Previous Balance				17.76
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.76
05 704 3007	STUDENT COUNCIL	*Previous Balance				2,654.81
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,654.81
05 704 3009	WR SPIRIT LEADERS	*Previous Balance				514.69
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	514.69
05 704 3010	SKILLS USA	*Previous Balance				5,833.50
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,833.50
05 704 3011	CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION	*Previous Balance				10,537.62
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,537.62
05 704 3012	BAND TRIP	*Previous Balance				1,439.87
		*Ending Balance:	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,439.87
		Fund Total: 05	0.00	0.00	0.00	129,496.16

Treasurer's Report for the Board of Education
August 13, 2025
Month of July 2025

General Fund (FNB)

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 3,020,645.61
Receipts	\$ 78,689.04
Interest	\$ 1,197.31
Expenditures	\$ 614,978.76
Transfer to Bank of the Valley	\$ 00.00
End of Month Balance	\$ 2,485,553.20

General Fund (BOV)

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 1,141,782.75
Transfer from First Nebraska Bank	\$ 00.00
Interest	\$ 2,961.34
End of the Month Balance	\$ 1,144,744.09
Total of Accounts	\$ 3,630,297.29

MCAULIFFE PRIZE 12 MONTH (due 04/5/21)	\$ 569.55
BANK OF THE VALLEY 12 MONTH	\$ 442,042.59

Special Building Fund (FNB)

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 587,534.61
Butler County Taxes	\$ 3466.50
Saunders County Taxes	\$ 1934.04
Seward County Taxes	\$ 364.08
Misc Deposit	\$ 00.00
Receipts	\$ 5764.62
Interest	\$ 236.67
Expenditures	\$ 75,050.71
Transfer from Bank of the Valley	\$ 0.00
End of Month Balance	\$ 518,485.19

Special Building Fund (BOV)

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 267,759.02
Transfer to First Nebraska Bank	\$ 00.00
Interest	\$ 694.44
End of the Month Balance	\$ 268,453.46

Total of Accounts	\$ 786,938.65
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Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 253,866.92
Receipts	\$ 1416.31
Interest	\$ 105.13
Expenditures	\$ 9,600.00
End of Month Balance	\$ 245,788.36

Student Fees Fund

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 17,116.01
Receipts	\$ 0.00
Service Charge	\$ 3.00
Expenditure	\$ 5100.00
End of Month Balance	\$ 12,013.01

Depreciation Fund

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 288,306.10
Receipts	\$ 0.00
Transfer	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 643.94
Expenditures	\$ 9727.99
End of Month Balance	\$ 279,222.05

Employee Benefit Fund

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 8,555.04
Receipts	\$ 0.00
Transfer	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 3.61
Expenditures	\$ 100.00
End of Month Balance	\$ 8,458.65

Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 0.06
Receipts	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 0.00
Expenditures	\$ 0.00
End of Month Balance	\$ 0.06

Activity Fund

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 136,085.84
Receipts	\$ 5,526.55
Interest	\$ 56.19
Expenditures	\$ 15,227.12
End of Month Balance	\$ 126,441.46
First Nebraska Bank - 12 mo (Close UP CD# 1514)	\$ 2,565.52

Lunch Fund

Beginning of the Month Balance	\$ 52,387.06
Receipts	\$ 28.34
Interest	\$ 21.86
Expenditures	\$ 2,668.85
End of Month Balance	\$ 49,768.41

August 13, 2025			
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND BILLS			
Spark Electric Co, Inc	Chk# 1375	*	
	\$5,063.92		
Spark Electric Co, Inc	Chk# 1376	*	
	\$2,507.43		
Spark Electric Co, Inc	Chk# 1377	*	
	\$794.93		
Spark Electric Co, Inc	Chk# 1378		
	\$3,560.00		
Spark Electric Co, Inc	Chk# 1379		
	\$4,513.17		
BCDM Architects	Chk# 1380		
	\$3,247.01		
Egan Supply Company	Chk# 1381		
	\$5,611.04		
F & S Trenching & Construction Inc	Chk# 1382		
	\$29,000.00		
Mueller & Schoepf Drywall	Chk# 1383		
	\$10,690.00		
Overhead Door Company	Chk# 1384		
	\$10,690.00		
	Total		
	\$67,910.31		
* Denotes - Checks that were lost in the mail - Voided & ReIssued			
DEPRECIATION FUND BILLS			
KCAV	Chk# 1123		
	\$9,727.99		
QUALIFIED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PURPOSE UNDERTAKING FUND (QCPUF)			
There were no Depreciation checks in July			

Payroll Register - Totals

	<u>PIK/Gross</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expense/ Employer</u>	<u>Adjustment Amount</u>	<u>Check Total</u>	<u>Payee ID</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	
Check Date:	08/20/2025	Batch Description: August 2025 Payroll						
Processing Month:	08/2025	Status: Calculated Successfully						
Checking Account ID:	1							
ADD								
ACTIVITYTR Activity trips			60.00					
HOLIDAY Holiday Pay			1,242.40					
HOURLY Hourly Pay			28,562.83					
MANDTTRAIN Mandt Training			1,062.50					
MISCSTIPE MISC STIPEND			675.00					
MISCTRAINI Misc Employee Training			418.75					
OT Overtime Pay			420.12					
PERSONAL Personal Time			870.88					
RAMPPAYME RAMP Payment			2,304.50					
SICK Sick Time Used			378.92					
VACATION Vacation Time			6,458.20					
			<u>42,454.10</u>					
CONTRACT								
C01 Contract 1			227,494.50					
C02 Contract 2			16,799.06					
C04 Title 1			3,815.44					
			<u>248,109.00</u>					
DEDUCTION								
ACCIDENT ACCIDENT		271.83			271.83	AFLACREMI	AFLAC REMITTANCE SERVICES	
ACCIDENTCO ACCIDENT-COLONI		75.68			75.68	COLONIAL	COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS. CO	
CANCER CANCER		172.03	41.31		213.34	AFLACREMI	AFLAC REMITTANCE SERVICES	
CANCERCOLO CANCER-COLONIAL		44.20			44.20	COLONIAL	COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS. CO	
COLONSTD COLONIALSTD		43.60			43.60	COLONIAL	COLONIAL LIFE & ACCIDENT INS. CO	
DENTALPOST FAMILY DENTAL		954.87	1,932.36		2,887.23	BLUECROSS	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NE	
DENTALPRE DENTAL		285.48	238.88		524.36	BLUECROSS	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NE	
DEPCARE DEPENDENT CARE		300.00			300.00	EASTBTLR2R	EAST BUTLER SCHOOL DIST 2R	
HEALTH HEALTH INSURANC			87,948.06		87,948.06	BLUECROSS	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NE	
HORACEMANN HORACE MANN ANN		100.00			100.00	HORACEMAN	HORACE MANN LIFE INS CO	
HOSPPRE HOSPITAL - PRET		86.19	56.03		142.22	AFLACREMI	AFLAC REMITTANCE SERVICES	
STDISAB SHORT TERM DISA		42.90	71.66		114.56	AFLACREMI	AFLAC REMITTANCE SERVICES	
URM URM		500.67	320.00		820.67	EASTBTLR2R	EAST BUTLER SCHOOL DIST 2R	
VISION VISION		453.81	9.22		463.03	VISION	VISION SERVICE PLAN	
WADREED FTC ANNUITY		933.57			933.57	WADDELLAN	FTC	
		<u>4,264.83</u>	<u>90,617.52</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>94,882.35</u>			
INDIVIDUAL BANK ACCOUNT DEDUCTION								
HSA HSA		310.00	3,017.22		3,327.22			D
		<u>310.00</u>	<u>3,017.22</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,327.22</u>			
RET DEDUCTION								
NPERS RETIREMENT	289,842.80	23,187.42	23,419.30		46,606.72	RET	NEBRASKA SCHOOL RETIREMENT A SYS	
		<u>23,187.42</u>	<u>23,419.30</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>46,606.72</u>			
TAX								
FIT FIT	264,296.03	21,553.67			21,553.67	EFTPS	ELECTRONIC FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT SYSTEM	A
FUTA FUTA	290,516.82							
MEDICARE MEDICARE	288,517.02	4,183.51	4,183.51		8,367.02	EFTPS	ELECTRONIC FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT SYSTEM	A
SITNE SIT NE	264,296.03	9,559.67			9,559.67	SITNE	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	A
SOCSEC SOC SEC	288,517.02	17,888.09	17,888.09		35,776.18	EFTPS	ELECTRONIC FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT SYSTEM	A
SUTANE SUTA NE	290,516.82							
WCNE WORK COMP NE	287,177.07							
		<u>53,184.94</u>	<u>22,071.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>75,256.54</u>			

Payroll Register - Totals

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Checking Account ID: 1						
				Net Pay:		209,615.91
				Cash Total:		429,688.74
Non - FIT Taxable Deductions	26,267.07					
Non - SIT Taxable Deductions	26,267.07					
Non - SOC SEC Taxable Deductions	2,046.08					
Non - MEDICARE Taxable Deductions	2,046.08					
Direct Deposits	212,943.13					
Automatic Payments	121,863.26					
Adds + Contracts + Deduction Adds	290,563.10					

PAID IN JULY 2025			
PRE-APPROVED BILLS (GENERAL FUND)			
<i>7/8/25</i>			
First National Bank CC	Chk# 44047	Pest Control	\$51.12
<i>7/9/25</i>			
Hilltop Rolloffs dba Callaway Rolloffs	Chk# 44127	Landfill & monthly rental fees	\$625.33
<i>7/14/25</i>			
Butler Public Power District	Chk# 44128	Dwight electricity	\$769.42
Home Depot Credit Services	Chk# 44129	Drywall & painting supplies	\$270.40
<i>7/21/25</i>			
Cash - First Nebraska Bank	Chk# 44130	Petty Cash for Postage	\$74.16
USBank One Card	Chk# 44131	Charter Bus, Chat GPT, Grammarly Renewals	\$14,496.48
<i>7/23/25</i>			
Pacific Life Insurance	Chk# 44132	Superintendent Life Insurance Policy	\$1,222.31
<i>7/28/25</i>			
Husker Bar 3	Chk# 44133	Board Dinner	\$175.10
		TOTAL	\$17,684.32

Vendor Name	Vendor Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01 GENERAL FUND	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		2,679.62
BANNER PRESS		191.88
BURESH LAWN CARE		3,900.00
BUTLER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL		150.00
BUTLER COUNTY CLINIC		205.00
CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES		3,106.80
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC		24.25
CHILES, NICOLE		6,053.30
CTF SERVICE INC		20,753.53
CULLIGAN OF COLUMBUS		237.00
DAVID CITY ACE HARDWARE		54.42
DAVID CITY HIGH SCHOOL		200.00
DIVERSIFIED DRUG TESTING		152.50
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING COMPANY		2,060.10
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING COMPANY		517.50
ESU #7		3,332.65
ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL		8,571.60
FRONTIER COOPERATIVE CO		503.99
GO PHYSICAL THERAPY		40.88
HAMPTON INN		1,259.55
HD SUPPLY FORMERLY HOME DEPOT PRO		269.91
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC		2,221.88
JOURNEYED.COM, INC.		500.00
JW PEPPER AND SON INC		77.24
KANSAS CITY AUDIO-VISUAL		1,074.11
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO		781.25
MAHONEY FIRE SPRINKLER, INC		4,180.00
MENARD'S COLUMBUS		223.47
MERIDIAN STUDENT PLANNERS		505.00
NASCO		151.33
NCSA REGION 1		75.00
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION FOR CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT		40.00
NSASSP REGION I		75.00
SCHOLASTIC		1,795.03
SCHOOL NURSE SUPPLY		152.70
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC		21.38
SEWARD COUNTY INDEPENDENT		42.73
SOAR LEARNING, INC		1,516.80
STAPLES ADVANTAGE		19.68
TEACHING STRATEGIES INC		511.10
TECH MASTERS		293.00
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION		272.94
VILLAGE OF BRAINARD		5,387.92
VILLAGE OF DWIGHT		180.00
VILLAGE OF PRAGUE		12.00
WAHOO NEWSPAPER		218.85
WINDSTREAM NEBRASKA, INC.		1,513.20
WOLFE, WENDY		124.00
Fund Number 01		<u>76,230.09</u>
Checking Account ID 1		<u>76,230.09</u>

EAST BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT
2026-2027
Classroom Capacity

School Name	Pk	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Elem. at Brainard	20	15	15	15	15	15	15	15							135
Elem. at Dwight	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10							90
Jr/Sr High School									20	20	20	20	20	20	120
TOTAL CAPACITY															345

Special Education Program

School Name	K-6	7-12
Elementary at Brainard	10	
Elementary at Dwight	4	
Jr/Sr High School		15

The East Butler Public School District will assess option-enrollment requests on a case-by-case basis. Families interested in enrolling in the school district should contact Mr. Michael Eldridge, Superintendent of Schools. 402-545-2081 or meldridge@ebutler.esu7.org

RESOLUTION 243

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature enacted several measures this past legislative session, including LB 243, to adjust public school district revenue and finances and,

WHEREAS, LB 243 generally limits a public school district’s property tax request authority, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, LB 243 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the default property tax request authority if at least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of more than zero students but no more than four hundred seventy-one students may increase its tax request by an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Butler County School District Number 12-0502, a/k/a East Butler Public Schools (the “School District”) is more than zero students but no more than four hundred seventy-one students, and

WHEREAS, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by an additional seven percent or other maximum amounts as permitted by law; and;

WHEREAS, public notice of this possible increase was published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5 of 2023 Neb. Laws 243, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase the School District’s overall property tax request authority by an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution to ensure that the School District’s overall property tax request complies with this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution, having been read in its entirety, Member _____ moved for their passage and adoption. Member _____ seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of the passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

The following members voted against the same:

The following members were absent or not voting:

The above Resolution, having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the Board of Education members, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

DATED this 13th day of August 2025.

EAST BUTLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

Elementary Principal Report

August Board Meeting



I. RAMP Session

- A. The Reading and Math Program (RAMP) finished on July 31. There were 18 students that participated in the summer session.
- B. Classroom Teachers: Mrs. Vandenberg, Mrs. Gauthier, and Mrs. Tejral
- C. Paraeducators: Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Geewe, and Mrs. Rhynalds
- D. Class attendance rate: K-3 77%
- E. The dedication of our staff during this summer session is greatly appreciated.

II. Tiger Kids Club

- A. Tiger Kids Club is set to begin in both schools on August 13. There are currently 31 registered in Dwight and 10 in Brainard
- B. There are 4 staff members not returning. Interviews are currently being conducted for positions.

III. Projected Elementary Enrollment Numbers /New Student Enrollment Information

- A. There are 40 students currently registered for our preschool program (20-Brainard/20-Dwight) with 2 additional students on the waiting list. This is the first year that we have been full in both locations. It is also the plan to provide transportation from Brainard to Dwight for preschool services.
- B. We are planning on 25 kindergarten students (Brainard-13/Dwight-12) for 2025-2026. There were 15 kindergarten students last year.
- C. Projected Brainard K-6 enrollment:
 - 1. 2025-2026: 119 Students
 - 2. 2024-2025: 106 Students
 - 3. 2023-2024: 100 Students
- D. Projected Dwight K-6 enrollment:
 - 1. 2025-2026: 45 Students
 - 2. 2024-2025: 38 Students
 - 3. 2023-2024: 38 Students
- E. Potential Numbers:

Year	Pre-K	Kind.	Br. K-6	Dw. K-6	K-6 Total	K-12
2024-25	33	15	106	38	144	295
2025-26	42	25	119	45	164	312

IV. Staff Professional Learning Schedule/Student Schedule

- A. Teaching staff will report to school August 11. Paraeducators will be starting August 12.
- B. Our school improvement committee will meet to discuss our next steps. The response team will be discussing group configuration and upcoming trainings.
- C. Elementary Staff will take part in a training that focus on the Danielson Instructional Model. All staff will participate in an overview of the East Butler Evaluation Model platform and review the subfinder system.
- D. Students will begin school on Wednesday, August 13 with a 1:30 dismissal.
- E. The East Butler Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 12 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

V. Administrator Days

- A. Administrator Days were held July 23-25 at Kearney. Sessions focused on special education updates, streamlining procedures, and the NDE literacy initiative.



Secondary Principal Report
August 2025 – School Board Meeting

I. Administrator Days

- A. Administrator Days were held in Kearney from July 23-25. Commissioner Dr. Brian Maher, Erin King, and Thomas Murray were the keynote speakers for the convention.
- B. Career and Technical Education – How do schools implement CTE in their improvement process? How do CTE classes impact our reading goal?
- C. NSCAS, NAEP, and ACT Updates – ACT will not use the science score as part of a student’s composite score. They will still take the science portion and writing.

II. 7th Grade Orientation

- A. 7th Grade Orientation was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Computers were handed out, and a tour of our building was given. We will have 21 students in 7th grade.

III. Professional Learning Days

- A. Teachers have two professional learning days on August 11 and 12. Staff members met in meetings regarding the evaluation process, elementary/secondary informational meetings, and the Danielson Instructional Model 2c regarding classroom procedures.
- B. On August 12, paraeducators returned. The paras had a training session regarding trauma.
- C. Open House was on August 12 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM.

IV. Student Update

- A. Projected 7-12 Enrollment
 - 1. 2025-2206 – 151 Students
 - 2. 2024-2025 – 148 Students