

Special Board Meeting

Monday, July 27, 2026 6:30 PM

East Butler School
212 South Madison Street
Brainard, NE 68626-0036

Brandon Jisa: Present

Megan Kozisek: Present

Ryan Pekarek: Present

Laurie Smaus: Absent

Dylan Spatz: Present

Sarah Strizek: Present

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Flag Salute/Open Meetings Act Statement
4. Patron's Comments
5. Discussion/Informational Items
 - 5.1. 2026-2027 Goal Setting
 - 5.2. 2026-2027 Budget & Tax Asking Preparation
6. Regular Agenda

6.1. Discuss, consider, and take any necessary action on policy 5066 (Early Graduation).
Approve policy 5066 as revised. Passed with a motion by Brandon Jisa and a second by Megan Kozisek.

Ryan Pekarek: Nay, Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Dylan Spatz: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

7. Adjournment

To adjourn at 9:03 PM Passed with a motion by Ryan Pekarek and a second by Brandon Jisa.
Brandon Jisa: Yea, Megan Kozisek: Yea, Ryan Pekarek: Yea, Dylan Spatz: Yea, Sarah Strizek: Yea

5066

Early Graduation

General Policy. Students most effectively obtain the skills and experience necessary to graduate from high school by completing grades 9 through 12 over the course of 4 years. Unless otherwise permitted by Board policy or other applicable law, students must finish all 4 grade levels in order to graduate.

Requirements for Application. In unique circumstances, the Board may waive the four-year attendance requirement for high school graduation, provided that the student has met the requirements of this policy.

Students must make an application to the high school principal before they may seek permission to graduate early from the Board. The principal may consult with appropriate instructional and guidance staff members in making the determination. The student's application must include:

Early Graduation

In order to graduate in less than 4 years, a student must follow these guidelines:

- A. Proof that the student will meet all academic requirements necessary to graduate.
- B. Must submit a letter of request signed by both student and parent to the High School Principal by September 15th. This letter details (a) addresses the reasons for seeking early graduation. (b) articulates the student's post-graduation plans.
- C. The Principal will then arrange for a meeting with both the student and the parent to review the needs and responsibilities.
- D. The student and parent must appear at the October School Board Meeting to request early graduation.
- E. Must turn in all books and other equipment and pay all fines or fees.
- F. If the student decides to attend the graduation ceremony in May they will need to attend the graduation rehearsal.

There will be no mid-year graduation ceremony. Those students who elect to graduate early may receive their diplomas at the February School Board Meeting or the May ceremony. Following completion of graduation

requirements, and cessation of attendance, the student will be considered a graduate, and no longer entitled to the right and privileges of students of East Butler High School, including but not limited to attendance at prom and student rates to attend school athletic events or activities.

Consideration by the Board of Education. The principal will make a written recommendation to the Board based on the submitted application from the student. The Board will consider but is not bound by the principal's recommendation. Along with the application, the Board may consult with members of the administration, staff, or anyone else the Board deems appropriate. The Board will grant a student's application only if it determines that the student is best served by permitting the student to graduate early.

Adopted on: June 8, 2022

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: 2021-2022 School Year