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Abstain									

Mr. Hayes moved to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Mr. Gardiner.

	<b>Carlson</b>	<b>Gardiner</b>	<b>Hayes</b>	<b>Naughton</b>	<b>Parkhill</b>	<b>Rashin</b>	<b>Reeves</b>	<b>Richardson</b>	<b>West</b>
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**IV. Comments from the Public:**

Members of the audience spoke about the possible change in school start times. They wanted to know if a change could be budget neutral as it has been in other districts and questioned the cost of the options currently being discussed. It was suggested that the cost could go instead to hiring professionals to help students manage both their time and stress levels.

**V. Reports and Recognition**

**1. School Start and End Time Discussion Dr. Luizzi**

Dr. Luizzi began with the survey back in 2018 that showed that students needed additional sleep. The number of hours that students sleep as well as when the sleep is important. A new survey went out to parents of Pre-K - 6th grade NCPS students to see how the two current scenarios compare. Scenario A has the elementary schools beginning at 7:45 am and Saxe 5/6 starting at 9:15 am. Scenario B has Saxe 5/6 starting at 7:45 am and the three elementary schools beginning at 9:15 am. One of the elementary schools preferred Scenario A, one preferred Scenario B, and the third was split between the two. The respondents from Saxe 5/6 preferred Scenario A.

Over the past two weeks, the administration has spoken to staff at all the schools and students at the high school and looked at data at the elementary schools and Saxe 5/6 for tardies and early dismissals. In addition, they discussed the school start times as part of the overall budget with the Board of Selectmen. Dr. Luizzi acknowledged that there would be challenges including after school activities and sport schedules.

To see if more time could be found in scheduling transportation, a bus consultant was hired. The consultants will look to find best routes, times and schedules from the ground up while respecting BOE transportation policies where needed. The priority will be to analyze Scenario A first and Dr. Luizzi will speak to them about looking at Scenario B as well. The target date for results is the beginning of March.

**2. 2019-2020 Calendar Discussion Dr. Luizzi**

The last day of school is currently Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> due to the one snow date in December. This gives only one more day possible for a snow day with the Board of Ed policy that the school year cannot go past the third full week of June. If there is one more school day cancelation, the number of days students need to attend school would go from 182 to 181 and teachers would come back to school on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. If there are two more cancelations, the number would go down to 180 days and teachers would return Monday/Tuesday. If there were three more cancelations, the Friday of April break would be added as a regular school day (April 17<sup>st</sup>).

**3. Capital Budget Update Dr. Keating**

Dr. Keating gave an update on a couple of items on the Capital Budget. The bids are in for the East School Roof and the selected bid is 1.9 million dollars, under the original budget of 2.2 million. The contractor/company is the same one that just finished replacing the roof at South School which the district was very happy with.

For the next budget year, Co-Gen was planned to be added to both the high school and Saxe. After speaking to a consultant, it was decided that doing both would be difficult. Since the boilers need replacement at Saxe, the Co-Gen will begin there over the summer and the high school will be moved to next summer.

**VI. Comments from the public**

Members of the audience spoke about all students needing sleep, including elementary school students who need more time sleeping than high school students. A parent also wanted to make sure that the Board understood that this change works well for her family as well as many other families in the district and thanked the Board for their work.

**VII. Announcements and Future Business**

Next BOE Meeting: Feb. 24, 2020. Proposed items: Statement of Accounts

**VIII. Adjournment**

Ms. Richardson moved to adjourn at 8:39 PM, seconded by Ms. Rashin.

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**Respectfully Submitted,  
Ms. Jennifer Richardson  
Board of Education Secretary**