

BOARD OF EDUCATION
CITY OF CHICAGO
FY-20 AMENDED BUDGET HEARING
held on
November 12, 2019

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
had in the above-entitled matter at 42 West Madison
Street, Garden Level Board Room, Chicago, Illinois,
commencing at 6:30 p.m., MR. MIGUEL DEL VALLE,
presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS:

MR. MIGUEL DEL VALLE, President
MR. SENDHIL REVULURI, Vice President
MS. AMY ROME
MR. LUCINO SOTELO
MS. ELIZABETH TODD-BRELAND
MR. DWAYNE TRUSS

ABSENT:

MS. LUISIANA MELENDEZ

Reported By: Anna M. Morales, CSR, RMR
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1 ALSO PRESENT:

2 MS. LaTANYA McDADE, Chief Education
3 Officer

4 MR. JOSEPH MORIARTY, General Counsel

5 MR. ARNIE RIVERA, Chief Operating Officer

6 MS. ESTELA G. BELTRAN, Secretary to the
7 Board

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1 (Whereupon, the following
2 proceedings commenced at
3 6:30 o'clock p.m.)

4 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Thank you, Mr. President. 06:30:58
5 Before you begin the second budget hearing, I would 06:30:59
6 like to read a brief safety announcement. 06:31:01

7 welcome to the second FY-20 amended budget 06:31:05
8 hearing. Before we start the hearing, I would like 06:31:08
9 to share a few safety points and notes. Please 06:31:09
10 note that the primary exit and entrance to this 06:31:12
11 room is the door which you used to enter this 06:31:14
12 evening. The main entrance is the door to your 06:31:16
13 right. If you are leaving the room, please use 06:31:18
14 this door. The restrooms are just outside the 06:31:20
15 entrance door to your immediate left. 06:31:22

16 During the hearing, we ask that you keep 04:03:53
17 all aisles and exits clear. If you need any 04:03:54
18 assistance during the hearing, please wave the 06:31:27
19 attention of one of our security officers. And 06:31:29
20 thank you for joining us today. 06:31:31

21 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Good evening, ladies and 06:31:33
22 gentlemen. Welcome. I am Miguel del Valle. On 06:31:37
23 behalf of Board members, I want to thank you for 06:31:40
24 being here today, this evening. 06:31:43



1	The purpose of this hearing is to comply	06:31:45
2	with the School Code provisions regarding the FY-20	06:31:48
3	amended budget.	06:31:51
4	Madam Secretary, please state for the	06:31:53
5	record the notice procedure for this hearing.	06:31:55
6	SECRETARY BELTRAN: Thank you, Mr. President.	06:31:57
7	Notice of this public hearing was published in the	06:31:58
8	Chicago Sun-Times, a newspaper of general	06:32:00
9	circulation in the City of Chicago, and posted at	06:32:03
10	the board room, principal office, and	06:32:05
11	42 West Madison Street lobby on November 6, 2019.	06:32:07
12	Notice was also posted on the cpsboe.org web site	06:32:11
13	on November 6, 2019.	06:32:14
14	And I will now read into the record the	06:32:15
15	public notice as published. Notice, public	06:32:17
16	hearings, FY-20 Amended Budget for the 2019-2020	06:32:21
17	Fiscal Year, Chicago Board of Education, commonly	06:32:25
18	known as Chicago Public Schools.	06:32:27
19	To whom it may concern: Public notice is	06:32:29
20	hereby given by the Chicago Board of Education that	06:32:31
21	it has prepared an FY-20 amended budget for the	06:32:33
22	2019-2020 fiscal year in tentative form and that	06:32:37
23	five copies thereof available for public inspection	06:32:40
24	have been filed and are now on file in the office	06:32:43



1	of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago,	06:32:46
2	commonly known as Chicago Public Schools, One North	06:32:47
3	Dearborn Street, suite 950, Chicago, Illinois,	06:32:51
4	60602, and available at www.cps.edu\budget ; and	06:32:53
5	that said Board of Education will hold two public	06:32:59
6	hearings upon said amended budget on the 12th day	06:33:01
7	of November 2019, Chicago Public Schools Loop	06:33:05
8	office, 42 West Madison Street, Garden Level Board	06:33:07
9	Room, Chicago, Illinois, 60602. The first hearing	06:33:10
10	time was from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with registration	06:33:13
11	taking place from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. And the second	06:33:16
12	hearing, Chicago Public Schools Loop office,	06:33:19
13	42 West Madison Street, Garden Level Board Room,	06:33:21
14	Chicago, Illinois, 60602, with the hearing time	06:33:24
15	6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and registration, 5:30 p.m. to	06:33:27
16	6:30 p.m.	06:33:30
17	Dated at Chicago, Illinois, November 6,	06:33:31
18	2019, Chicago Board of Education, by	06:33:33
19	Miguel del Valle, President, and attested by	06:33:36
20	Estela G. Beltran, the Board Secretary.	06:33:38
21	Mr. President, I would like to also note	06:33:41
22	for the record the members that are present here	06:33:43
23	today with us.	06:33:45
24	Member Rome?	



1 MEMBER ROME: Here.

2 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Vice President Revuluri?

3 VICE PRESIDENT REVULURI: Here.

4 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Member Todd-Breland?

5 MEMBER TODD-BRELAND: Here.

6 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Member Truss?

7 MEMBER TRUSS: Here.

8 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Member Sotelo?

9 MEMBER SOTELO: Here.

10 SECRETARY BELTRAN: President del Valle?

11 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Here. 06:34:02

12 SECRETARY BELTRAN: We have six members 06:34:02

13 present. There is a quorum. And I would also like 06:34:03

14 to recognize Joseph Moriarty, our General Counsel; 06:34:06

15 LaTanya McDade, our Chief Education Officer; and 06:34:09

16 Arnie Rivera, our Chief Operating Officer. Thank 06:34:12

17 you. 06:34:16

18 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Thank you. we'll begin 06:34:16

19 with the FY-20 amended budget presentation. And 06:34:19

20 presenting this evening is Michael Sitkowski. 06:34:24

21 Please proceed. 06:34:27

22 MR. SITKOWSKI: Thank you, President del Valle. 06:34:45

23 Good evening. 06:34:47

24 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Good evening. 06:34:47



1 MR. SITKOWSKI: I'm going to give you a 06:34:48
2 presentation on the FY-2020 amended budget. 06:34:50

3 To start, a recap of the FY-2020 budget 06:34:54
4 approved in August. This original budget approved 06:35:00
5 at the August 28th Board meeting included 06:35:01
6 \$6.2 billion of operating expenses and a total 06:35:03
7 budget of 7.7 billion. 06:35:06

8 The budget included major investments to 06:35:08
9 support the district's key initiatives including 06:35:10
10 critical building improvements for more than 300 06:35:12
11 schools across the city; the largest ever capital 06:35:15
12 investment for pre-K classrooms; the largest ever 06:35:17
13 expansion of high quality academic programs; 06:35:20
14 \$10 million to support the first year of the 06:35:25
15 district's multi-year commitment to hire additional 06:35:26
16 nurses, social workers, and case managers; and 06:35:29
17 \$12 million to support English learners in more 06:35:32
18 than 100 schools. 06:35:35

19 It's important to note that all of these 06:35:36
20 items and everything that was included in the 06:35:38
21 initial budget is also included in the FY-2020 06:35:40
22 amended budget that we're presenting tonight. 06:35:43

23 The original FY-2020 budget also included 06:35:45
24 assumptions on costs associated with labor 06:35:48



1 agreements with the Chicago Teachers Union and the 06:35:51
2 Service Employees International Union, CTU and 06:35:53
3 SEIU, which were still under negotiation at the 06:35:56
4 time. 06:35:59
5 Since we passed the budget in August, 06:36:00
6 we've reached tentative agreements with CTU and 06:36:03
7 SEIU, and I want to give a high level overview of 06:36:06
8 where those agreements landed. 06:36:09
9 The term of both agreements was five 06:36:11
10 years. The base compensation increases are 06:36:14
11 16 percent in cost-of-living adjustments across the 06:36:17
12 five years. This includes a 3 percent 06:36:20
13 cost-of-living adjustment in FY-2020, a half 06:36:22
14 percentage point higher than we had included in the 06:36:25
15 original budget approved in August. 06:36:28
16 In addition to compensation, we have some 06:36:30
17 staffing increases built into the agreements. Some 06:36:33
18 of these were previously announced in July, these 06:36:36
19 being the social workers, nurses, and case 06:36:39
20 managers. In addition to those commitments that we 06:36:44
21 made in July, we added 60 case managers to our 06:36:45
22 previous commitment. 06:36:48
23 Over and above those we've included in the 06:36:51
24 contract are 120 equity positions that will support 06:36:54



1 our highest needs schools to give them a counselor, 06:36:57
2 a restorative justice coordinator or a librarian or 06:37:00
3 an additional position that will be decided on by 06:37:03
4 the school community. We've lowered the threshold 06:37:06
5 for a full-time centrally funded English learner 06:37:09
6 program teacher from 200 EL students to 150. We've 06:37:14
7 created a new position called a school community 06:37:18
8 representative that will support our schools with 06:37:21
9 the highest number of students in temporary living 06:37:24
10 situations. And we've also committed to maintain 06:37:27
11 at least current clinician staffing levels. 06:37:29

12 On top of that, we've committed to 06:37:33
13 \$35 million annually to support reduced class size 06:37:36
14 beginning in FY-21. We've committed to \$5 million 06:37:38
15 annually to support sports programming also 06:37:42
16 beginning in FY-21. We've committed to \$5 million 06:37:45
17 annually over the five years of the contract for 06:37:49
18 veteran teachers. We've restructured the wage 06:37:52
19 scales for CTU and SEIU for our support staff to 06:37:56
20 help recruit and retain employees. And then we've 06:38:01
21 also invested in pipeline and tuition reimbursement 06:38:03
22 programs. 06:38:06

23 So with the agreement, we're here to 06:38:09
24 present the amended budget tonight. I'm going to 06:38:10



1	give you an overview of the material changes that	06:38:14
2	are included in this budget.	06:38:17
3	Related to the contracts -- the tentative	06:38:20
4	agreements with the CTU and SEIU, we have	06:38:22
5	\$48 million in additional expense for FY-2020.	06:38:25
6	There's a \$68 million reduced expense due to	06:38:30
7	instructional days lost to the work stoppage.	06:38:33
8	There's a \$60 million reduction in revenue due to	06:38:36
9	the loss of the city's subsidy for support staff	06:38:39
10	pension costs which we'll get into in a bit more	06:38:42
11	detail later.	06:38:46
12	We have an additional \$66 million in	06:38:47
13	increased TIF surplus funding. This is over and	06:38:49
14	above the 97 million that was included in the	06:38:52
15	budget approved in August. And on top of that, we	06:38:55
16	have \$26 million in reduced short-term borrowing	06:38:59
17	included in the FY-2020 amended budget.	06:39:02
18	A bit more detail on the increased labor	06:39:05
19	cost. So \$48 million is tied mainly to wage	06:39:09
20	increases in FY-20. \$33 million of the 48 million	06:39:14
21	is cost increases tied to the agreement with CTU.	06:39:19
22	15 million of the 33 is for increased wages and	06:39:25
23	benefits due primarily to the incremental cost of	06:39:28
24	the 3 percent COLAs. We have \$11 million for	06:39:31



1 restructured wage scale for teaching assistants, 06:39:35
2 nurses, and other school support staff. We have 06:39:38
3 \$5 million for substitute teacher incentives for 06:39:41
4 hard-to-staff schools. Pipeline initiatives for 06:39:45
5 nurses, social workers, and case managers. And 06:39:48
6 \$2 million for FY-2020 class size reduction. 06:39:50
7 15 million of the 48 million is tied to 06:39:56
8 cost in the SEIU tentative agreement. \$2 million 06:39:59
9 of this is related to the incremental cost of the 06:40:03
10 3 percent COLAs in FY-2020. And then an additional 06:40:06
11 \$13 million is related to the restructured wage 06:40:09
12 scale and new stipends for our special education 06:40:12
13 classroom assistants, security guards, custodians, 06:40:16
14 and bus aides. 06:40:19
15 In addition to the labor cost included in 06:40:22
16 the FY-2020 amended budget, there's also two 06:40:25
17 changes related to how we budget for support staff 06:40:28
18 pensions. These are pensions for basically all 06:40:32
19 nonteachers at CPS that are participants in the 06:40:37
20 Municipal Employees Annuity and Benefit Fund. 06:40:41
21 So the FY-2020 amended budget includes two 06:40:44
22 updates, one of which is material, and one of which 06:40:47
23 is nonmaterial to how we budget for this expense. 06:40:50
24 The first, which is the material update, 06:40:53



1 is that CPS is going to reimburse the city for 06:40:56
2 \$60 million related to the employer contribution to 06:41:00
3 the Pension Fund. This is a payment that the city 06:41:03
4 had made on behalf of CPS for a number of years 06:41:08
5 that CPS is now reimbursing the city for. In the 06:41:12
6 budget, it represents a reduction in revenue of 06:41:15
7 \$60 million. 06:41:18

8 On top of that, CPS is budgeting a revenue 06:41:20
9 and an expense of \$138 million to reflect the 06:41:23
10 additional payments made by the city to the pension 06:41:27
11 fund. So this is -- these are dollars that do not 06:41:30
12 hit our books. It's not a cash transaction that we 06:41:34
13 incur, but it's a portion of the budget intended to 06:41:37
14 reflect the payment that the city makes on our 06:41:41
15 behalf. It's a nonmaterial update to the original 06:41:43
16 budget. 06:41:47

17 To better illustrate how the two portions 06:41:48
18 of the support staff pension costs break out, we've 06:41:55
19 put a math problem up on this slide. So what we 06:41:58
20 see is that \$60 million is the portion that is now 06:42:01
21 covered by CPS. This was previously covered by the 06:42:04
22 city, and this is what is reflected as a material 06:42:07
23 update in the amended budget. 06:42:10
24 On top of that, there's the \$138 million 06:42:12



1 which is the estimated contribution that the city 06:42:15
2 is making on behalf of CPS related to the unfunded 06:42:18
3 liability and the MEABF. So when you total those 06:42:21
4 two numbers together, you see there's an estimated 06:42:26
5 cost of \$198 million that reflects the total 06:42:29
6 employer contribution to the fund. 06:42:33

7 And then just to summarize, the amended 06:42:38
8 budget includes \$144 million of new operating 06:42:41
9 revenues and expenses. So the amended budget is 06:42:44
10 7.84 billion and 6.32 billion in operating 06:42:48
11 expenses. 06:42:56

12 Just a walkdown from where we started with 06:42:56
13 the original budget approved in August to where we 06:42:58
14 are now, the original budget included 06:43:01
15 \$6.175 billion of operating revenue and expense. 06:43:06
16 And you'll see the different components of the 06:43:10
17 update to the amended budget that we've discussed. 06:43:13

18 So the increase in CTU costs adds 06:43:15
19 \$33 million in expense. The increase in SEIU costs 06:43:18
20 adds \$15 million in expense. And the loss of the 06:43:22
21 city subsidy for the MEABF is a loss of \$60 million 06:43:25
22 in revenue, and that's being offset by the increase 06:43:28
23 in TIF funding that we're receiving from the city 06:43:33
24 this year. 06:43:35



1 In addition to those items, we're seeing a 06:43:36
2 decreased expense of \$68 million related to the 06:43:40
3 days lost due to the strike; and there's an 06:43:42
4 increase of \$26 million to capture some short-term 06:43:46
5 reduction. Those material changes total \$6 million 06:43:51
6 in additional revenue and \$6 million of additional 06:43:53
7 expense. And on top of that, we have an additional 06:43:56
8 \$138 million in revenue and expense related to the 06:43:59
9 accounting treatment of the contribution of the 06:44:04
10 city towards MEABF on our behalf. This has a net 06:44:07
11 zero budget impact; and these items total 06:44:11
12 \$144 million that we're adding to the proposed 06:44:16
13 amended budget. 06:44:18
14 I will take any questions. 06:44:22
15 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Questions? 06:44:26
16 MEMBER TODD-BRELAND: Thanks, Mike. I'm sorry 06:44:28
17 for missing the first session. I was teaching. 06:44:30
18 But I have a question just about the MEABF and the 06:44:34
19 way it's split up. So the 60 million and the 06:44:38
20 138 million, both of those are strictly for CPS 06:44:42
21 workers; is that correct? 06:44:44
22 MR. SITKOWSKI: That's correct. 06:44:45
23 MEMBER TODD-BRELAND: For both categories? 06:44:47
24 MR. SITKOWSKI: Yes. 06:44:48



1 MEMBER TODD-BRELAND: Thank you. 06:44:49
2 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Could you elaborate on 06:44:52
3 the 138? That is not a cash transfer from the 06:44:57
4 city, right? 06:45:06
5 MR. SITKOWSKI: That's correct. 06:45:07
6 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: It's an accounting 06:45:08
7 procedure. Could you just say a little more about 06:45:10
8 it? 06:45:13
9 MR. SITKOWSKI: Sure. So the \$138 million is 06:45:13
10 related to the payment that the city makes on 06:45:16
11 behalf of CPS employees that's related to the 06:45:19
12 unfunded liability in the MEABF. We never -- we 06:45:22
13 never make a payment for that. We never receive a 06:45:27
14 cash for that. But when the city makes that 06:45:30
15 payment on our behalf, we treat it both as a 06:45:31
16 revenue and an expense on our books. So in order 06:45:34
17 to account for that, we have to have the budget 06:45:37
18 authority to be able to record that expense. 06:45:39
19 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: But this is the first 06:45:42
20 time we do that? 06:45:44
21 MR. SITKOWSKI: Yes. 06:45:45
22 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: But we will after this 06:45:46
23 year continue to do that? 06:45:48
24 MR. SITKOWSKI: That is correct. 06:45:49



1 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Okay. We don't know what 06:45:51
2 the dollar amount will be? 06:45:54
3 MR. SITKOWSKI: So we do not yet know what the 06:45:57
4 dollar amount will be in future years, but we 06:45:58
5 expect it to grow as the city pays more into the 06:46:02
6 MEABF. 06:46:07
7 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Now on the normal costs, 06:46:08
8 the 60 million, after this year, there's no 06:46:11
9 guarantee. We have an intergovernmental agreement, 06:46:18
10 right, for this year to take in the 66 million, 60 06:46:21
11 which go to cover these costs for the pension, 06:46:27
12 normal costs; but the following year, we don't know 06:46:31
13 whether or not we'll get additional TIF dollars to 06:46:36
14 cover that cost; is that correct? But we will have 06:46:40
15 to cover that cost. 06:46:43
16 MR. SITKOWSKI: That's correct. 06:46:44
17 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: And those are real 06:46:44
18 dollars? 06:46:45
19 MR. SITKOWSKI: That's correct. Those are real 06:46:46
20 dollars. And we're bringing an intergovernmental 06:46:47
21 agreement to the November Board meeting on the 20th 06:46:51
22 to reflect one year of the -- of our commitment to 06:46:55
23 reimburse the city for that expense on our behalf. 06:46:59
24 This year, it is being offset by an 06:47:01



1 increased level of TIF surplus revenue. The level 06:47:03
2 of TIF surplus revenue in out years is something 06:47:08
3 that will be worked out. 06:47:10
4 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: It gets worked out on an 06:47:12
5 annual basis? 06:47:13
6 MR. SITKOWSKI: Correct. 06:47:14
7 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: But there is the 06:47:15
8 possibility that we can get additional dollars to 06:47:16
9 cover? 06:47:19
10 MR. SITKOWSKI: There's always that 06:47:20
11 possibility, yes. 06:47:21
12 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Okay. Because in prior 06:47:22
13 years, the 97 million that we have for TIF, that 06:47:25
14 amount has been pretty consistent over the last 06:47:30
15 five years, right? 06:47:33
16 MR. SITKOWSKI: That's correct. Going back to 06:47:35
17 fiscal year 2016, CPS has received between roughly 06:47:37
18 90 and \$100 million in TIF surplus revenue each 06:47:42
19 year. 06:47:45
20 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: We're going to advocate 06:47:48
21 for getting more, okay. Good. 06:47:51
22 Any other questions or comments? 06:47:53
23 VICE PRESIDENT REVULURI: Just to clarify on 06:47:59
24 that point. The accounting treatment one, the 06:48:00



1 amount may change, but will they always be exactly 06:48:04
2 offsetting? 06:48:08
3 MR. SITKOWSKI: Yes. As long as the city is 06:48:08
4 making that contribution on behalf of CPS, they 06:48:10
5 will always be offsetting. We will both have a 06:48:14
6 revenue and an expense that reflect that payment 06:48:16
7 that the city is making. 06:48:18
8 VICE PRESIDENT REVULURI: And if the city isn't 06:48:20
9 making that contribution for the underfunding, is 06:48:22
10 CPS obligated to do so? 06:48:28
11 MR. SITKOWSKI: The city is required to make 06:48:30
12 that payment by statute. So outside of the 06:48:32
13 intergovernmental agreement, there's no obligation. 06:48:37
14 VICE PRESIDENT REVULURI: Okay. Thank you. 06:48:41
15 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: And the city is making 06:48:42
16 that contribution for other sister agencies, right? 06:48:43
17 MR. SITKOWSKI: Correct. So the cost shift of 06:48:47
18 the \$60 million back to CPS reflects the city's 06:48:50
19 arrangement with other sister agencies. 06:48:55
20 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: But on the unfunded 06:48:57
21 liability portion, is the city making contributions 06:49:01
22 on behalf of other sister agencies? 06:49:05
23 MR. SITKOWSKI: I believe that to be the case. 06:49:08
24 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Okay. Any other 06:49:09



1 questions? Okay. Thank you very much. 06:49:15
2 MR. SITKOWSKI: Thank you. 06:49:19
3 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: We can proceed to public 06:49:22
4 participation. 06:49:24
5 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Thank you, Mr. President. 06:49:24
6 For the record, I would like to note that 06:49:27
7 registration for the second FY-20 amended budget 06:49:29
8 public hearing was held between the hours of 06:49:32
9 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Individuals who register 06:49:35
10 to speak will have two minutes to comment, and I 06:49:37
11 will call the speakers in order of registration. 06:49:41
12 The hearing will conclude after the last 06:49:42
13 person who has signed in to speak has spoken or at 06:49:44
14 8:30 p.m., whichever occurs first. When called, 06:49:47
15 please state your name, and I will proceed by 06:49:49
16 calling the first speaker. 06:49:52
17 We only have two, Mr. President. The 06:49:55
18 first speaker will be Keith Kyse1 followed by 06:49:57
19 Pavlyn Jankov, please. 06:50:01
20 MR. KYSEL: Good evening. First of all, I'd 06:50:07
21 like to say I noticed -- 06:50:10
22 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Can you state your name for 06:50:12
23 the record, please? 06:50:13
24 MR. KYSEL: Keith Kyse1. First of all, I'd 06:50:13



1	like to say in the media that came out on	06:50:16
2	November 5th, it mentioned that this meeting will	06:50:19
3	be not just for the budget but for the calendar	06:50:21
4	change days also. Then they told me when I came	06:50:25
5	here, this wasn't what it was for, but I do have	06:50:27
6	copies of the different media releases that came	06:50:30
7	out on November 5th stating we could come down here	06:50:32
8	to voice our concern about the calendar change.	06:50:35
9	PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: You're absolutely right.	06:50:38
10	And so we will accept your testimony on the	06:50:40
11	calendar change.	06:50:43
12	we will not be taking any action on that.	06:50:45
13	That action will be taken at the November 20th	06:50:49
14	meeting, but we'll accept your statement today.	06:50:52
15	MR. KYSEL: Thank you. My name is Keith Kysel,	06:50:55
16	and I had been a substitute teacher up until today	06:50:58
17	when I started as a teacher's assistant.	06:51:01
18	My concern about January 2nd and 3rd,	06:51:04
19	before I took the position as a teacher assistant,	06:51:06
20	I already had made -- just like many other	06:51:09
21	teachers, I already had travel plans for	06:51:14
22	January 2nd and 3rd, not just for me, but the two	06:51:16
23	kids that live in my house who also attend CPS	06:51:20
24	schools.	06:51:23



1 Now I have heard through the grapevine, 06:51:23
2 but nothing official, that if you have proof of 06:51:25
3 your travels that you could take a personal day 06:51:27
4 off. well, being people like me who may have just 06:51:30
5 started with CPS, I understand I have to have 06:51:33
6 60 days before I even get a benefit day. what 06:51:37
7 about those that don't even have the availability 06:51:39
8 to be able to take a personal day off if you have 06:51:43
9 previous paid-for travel plans on those dates? 06:51:46
10 Also my concern, what about the students 06:51:50
11 who had previous travel plans for the day? would 06:51:53
12 they be counted as absent on that day? I mean, 06:51:56
13 would there be an excused absence because nobody 06:51:59
14 was expected to have school on January 2nd and 3rd? 06:52:02
15 Another concern is what kind of condition 06:52:05
16 will the teachers be in on January 2nd, the day 06:52:07
17 after Thanksgiving. so you may have a lot of 06:52:10
18 teacher absentees. Then we have a lot of students 06:52:12
19 that's absent. How much money will the Board -- 06:52:16
20 this is a budget hearing -- 06:52:18
21 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Mr. Kyse1. 06:52:20
22 MR. KYSEL: I'm wrapping it up. How much money 06:52:21
23 will there be -- will the schools lose if there's 06:52:24
24 chronic absences on that day which I predict that 06:52:27



1 many students will not show up on school that day 06:52:31
2 and then a lot of funding is going to be lost 06:52:35
3 because of the attendance rate on that day. 06:52:37
4 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Thank you. 06:52:39
5 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Thank you for coming 06:52:40
6 down. I appreciate it. 06:52:41
7 SECRETARY BELTRAN: And the last speaker, 06:52:42
8 Mr. President, Pavlyn Jankov, please. 06:52:44
9 MR. JANKOV: Hello. Pavlyn Jankov, Chicago 06:52:49
10 Teachers Union researcher. Glad to see some faces 06:52:53
11 on this Board. 06:52:57
12 So I actually have some documents that I 06:52:59
13 would like to share. I think there's enough copies 06:53:00
14 for everyone. 06:53:03
15 So I'm either going to excite or 06:53:04
16 disappoint some people. I want to talk about the 06:53:07
17 pension shift at some length. I'll try to squeeze 06:53:09
18 in my comments, and I'm glad to expand with the 06:53:12
19 supplemental documents. 06:53:16
20 So I want to just lay out a couple of 06:53:17
21 facts as I understand them. So the City of Chicago 06:53:20
22 has for decades made on-behalf payments for CPS to 06:53:23
23 the Annuity Fund. This is a long-standing practice 06:53:26
24 enshrined in statute. The on-behalf payments have 06:53:30



1 been recorded as revenue in the other local 06:53:33
2 revenues category of the budget book going back at 06:53:36
3 least until 1998 when the accounting standards 06:53:38
4 required that inclusion. 06:53:42

5 If you look at a CAFR, the Comprehensive 06:53:43
6 Annual Financial Report, those lay out in clear 06:53:45
7 terms the funding structure of the Annuity Fund for 06:53:49
8 CPS; and that structure, the language of that 06:53:51
9 structure hasn't changed for three decades, at 06:53:54
10 least going back as far back as 1983 which is the 06:53:57
11 oldest document I have seen. 06:54:00

12 And just quickly, that structure reads: 06:54:02
13 CPS makes no direct contributions to the Annuity 06:54:05
14 Fund which receives its income from three primary 06:54:08
15 sources: A City of Chicago tax levy; income from 06:54:11
16 investments; and deductions from participating 06:54:14
17 employees' salaries. 06:54:17

18 And the document I provided has a copy of 06:54:18
19 the relevant pages from the 1983, 1996, and 2009 06:54:22
20 CAFRs. More recent CAFRs are available on the 06:54:28
21 Board web site. So obviously you have access to 06:54:32
22 that. 06:54:34

23 And the Pension Code also states clearly 06:54:34
24 that the financing of the Annuity Fund be through 06:54:36



1 taxes levied by the City Council of the city. 06:54:39
2 Second fact, I think we can all agree, CPS 06:54:43
3 remains underresourced. Prior to the annual 06:54:45
4 budget, cuts in student-based budgeting, we were 06:54:48
5 about 160 librarians -- 06:54:51
6 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Mr. Jankov. 06:54:53
7 MR. JANKOV: If I can finish my point. 06:54:55
8 So we're about 160 librarians shy of 06:54:56
9 having every school staffed with a librarian. Now 06:54:59
10 we have hardly over a hundred. So I think we can 06:55:01
11 all agree we need more resources in our schools. 06:55:04
12 And the third thing, this is important, 06:55:06
13 the City of Chicago has Home Rule authority. The 06:55:07
14 Board of Education does not, right. So the 06:55:11
15 increase in payments now faced by the City of 06:55:13
16 Chicago for the Annuity Fund is due to the historic 06:55:16
17 failure of the city to raise revenues necessary to 06:55:19
18 make sufficient contributions. 06:55:22
19 As a Home Rule municipality, the City of 06:55:23
20 Chicago has both the responsibility and capacity to 06:55:25
21 implement new progressive revenues to meet that 06:55:27
22 statutory requirement. 06:55:30
23 So my question for the Board, you know, 06:55:32
24 this does line up -- this pension payment issue 06:55:35



1 lines also with what happened the police payment. 06:55:38
2 You know, that was a payment that actually got 06:55:40
3 bounced back and forth between the city and CPS; 06:55:42
4 but when the city covered the cost, they said, it's 06:55:45
5 a recognition of its service to protect the schools 06:55:49
6 just like they do any other part of the city 06:55:51
7 system. 06:55:53
8 And so between those two contracts, the 06:55:54
9 33 million for CPD and the \$60 million fund, that's 06:55:56
10 \$100 million of resources, annual resources that 06:56:00
11 are not going to be in the schools. 06:56:02
12 So, you know, to the Board, you know, how 06:56:04
13 were you consulted about these issues? It's a real 06:56:07
14 material relevance to the school district. And, 06:56:10
15 you know, given the circumstances, given where the 06:56:12
16 capacities of the different municipal bodies lie in 06:56:15
17 raising revenue, you know, what is your stance on 06:56:18
18 having these expenses now incumbent on the school 06:56:20
19 district which still has, you know, a huge need for 06:56:24
20 resources in our schools? 06:56:26
21 Those are the issues I would like some 06:56:27
22 feedback on. 06:56:30
23 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Thank you. 06:56:31
24 SECRETARY BELTRAN: Mr. President, that 06:56:36



1 concludes the public comment segment. 06:56:37

2 PRESIDENT DEL VALLE: Any other questions or 06:56:39

3 comments from the Board? Any questions or comments 06:56:44

4 regarding the public participation or the amended 06:56:53

5 budget? 06:56:58

6 If not, then this concludes the second 06:56:58

7 FY-2020 amended budget hearing. Thank you. 06:57:03

8 (Whereupon, the Budget Hearing
9 adjourned at 6:57 o'clock p.m.)

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5 ANNA M. MORALES, as an Officer of the
6 Court, says that she is a shorthand reporter doing
7 business in the State of Illinois; that she
8 reported in shorthand the proceedings of said
9 Budget Hearing, and that the foregoing is a true
10 and correct transcript of her shorthand notes so
11 taken as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings
12 given at said Budget Hearing.

13 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set
14 my verified digital signature this 18th day of
15 November 2019.
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20 Anna M. Morales



21 Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter
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