

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

SA'DA JOHNSON, ET AL.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 00-1349
)	
BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAMPAIGN)	
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL)	
DISTRICT #4,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

O R D E R

A hearing is currently set in this matter for October 19, 2006 at 12:30pm. Due to the nature of this case, the number of interested parties and individuals, and the seating capacity of this Court's facilities, the hearing will be held at the University of Illinois College of Law Max Rowe Auditorium, 504 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Champaign, Illinois. Further, the seating capacity of the auditorium ("the hearing room") is insufficient to allow general public attendance. However, the law school has graciously made available a separate room ("the closed circuit room") for closed circuit television viewing of the hearing by the general public.

Application of Court Rules

Although this is an atypical location for court proceedings, all persons are reminded that this is an official court proceeding and that all court rules including local rules must be followed. In particular, all persons entering either the hearing room or the closed circuit room will be subject to search. Further, Local Rule 83.7 will apply to both rooms during the hearing. Thus, no person will be allowed to possess electronic devices including cameras,

video recorders, cellular or digital phones, palm pilots, pda's, computers, and all similar electronic, cable, digital, computerized or other forms and methods of recordings, transmitting, or communicating. Picture identification will be required for admittance to the hearing room. Violators of these rules are subject to penalties including fines or imprisonment.

Seating

1. Hearing Room (Max Rowe Auditorium)

Hearing room seats will be used for the parties and hearing participants; there will be no general public seating available in the hearing room. On or before October 13, 2006, the parties (Plaintiffs and Defendant through their attorneys) are directed to submit a list of no more than 60 individuals (per party) who will be allowed into the hearing room. There will also be limited seating available for the press in this room. Any press source interested in sitting in the hearing room must notify the Court at least 10 days prior to the hearing. Individuals sitting in the hearing room should remain in the hearing room except during scheduled breaks; individuals who leave the hearing room for any reason during the hearing will not be allowed to reenter the room until the next break in the proceedings.

2. Closed Circuit Room

There will be 98 seats available in the closed circuit room for general public viewing of the hearing on closed circuit television. The seating in this room will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. If an individual leaves the closed circuit room for any reason during the hearing, their seat will be given to the next waiting person.

Public Participation in the Hearing

Open public comment will not be allowed during this hearing. However, organizations, groups, or individuals wishing to comment at the hearing may submit a type-written statement describing the nature of their interest in this litigation and a summary of their proposed commentary. The type-written statement should not exceed 5-pages, and should be sent directly to the following address:

Chambers of Judge Joe Billy McDade
127 Federal Building
100 N.E. Monroe Street
Peoria, Illinois 61602

These statements must be received by the Court on or before October 9, 2006. The Court will consider the statements and may, in its discretion, allow limited comment by the organization, group, or individual during the hearing. These statements may also be shared with the parties or Court appointed monitor.

Hearing Time

The hearing will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. on October 19th. The hearing room and closed circuit rooms will opened approximately 20 minutes prior to the hearing.

Entered this 25th day of September, 2006.

s/ Joe B. McDade
JOE BILLY McDADE
United States District Judge