

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Darien Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education?
2. If not, is the Student's unilateral placement appropriate?
3. If so, is the Student entitled to reimbursement from the Board of Education for the expense of the unilateral placement?
4. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education from the Board of Education?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested an impartial special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on March 20, 2014. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on March 21, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on March 25, 2014. Attorney Andrew Feinstein appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Andreana Bellach appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. The deadline to complete the hearing and file the final decision was established to be June 3, 2014. Hearings were scheduled for May 19, 2014 and May 21, 2014.

On April 29, 2014, the parties submitted a joint written request to postpone the two hearing dates of May 19, 2014 and May 21, 2014, as well as a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to July 3, 2014. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties to participate in a mediation scheduled for May 21, 2014. The parties' request was granted, and the hearing was rescheduled to June 19, 2014.

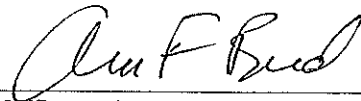
On June 12, 2014 the Student reported that the parties had resolved the case and requested that the Impartial Hearing Officer dismiss the matter with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this matter is dismissed with prejudice.

If the local or regional board of education or the unified school district responsible for providing special education for the student requiring special education does not take action on the findings or prescription of the hearing officer within fifteen days after receipt thereof, the State Board of Education shall take appropriate action to enforce the findings or prescription of the hearing officer.

Appeals from the hearing decision of the hearing officer may be made to state or federal court by either party in accordance with the provisions of Section 4-183, Connecticut General Statutes, and Title 20, United States Code 1415(i)(2)(A).



Hearing Officer Signature

ANN F BIRD

Hearing Officer

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