

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Oxford Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board fail to provide Student with a Free Appropriate Public Education (“FAPE”) for the 2013-2014 school year?
2. Did the Board fail to provide Student with a FAPE for the Extended School Year in the summer of 2014?
3. Is the program proposed by the Board for the 2014-2015 school year appropriate for Student?
4. If the program proposed by the Board for the 2014-2015 school year is not appropriate, what is the appropriate program for Student?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

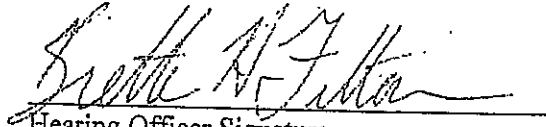
On August 19, 2014, the Oxford Board of Education received a Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing and the undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed. On September 5, 2014, a prehearing conference was held during which hearing dates of October 31, 2014 and November 10, 2014 were set and the deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was established as November 2, 2014. The parties engaged in mediation on October 8, 2014, which was unsuccessful. On October 13, 2014, Attorney for the Student requested an extension of the deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order. This request was granted and resulted in a new deadline of December 2, 2014. On October 31, 2014, Counsel for the Student withdrew the hearing request on the record during the first day of hearing.

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In light of the above facts, the case is dismissed.

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

Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer Name in Print