

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Monroe Board of Education and Student

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Is the Board of Education's reading evaluation appropriate?
2. If not, is the Student entitled to an independent reading evaluation at public expense?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Board of Education filed this special education due process case on June 26, 2015. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on June 30, 2015. The deadline for submitting the decision was established to be August 10, 2015. A prehearing conference was conducted on August 5, 2015. The deadline for submitting the decision was established to be August 10, 2015 and a hearing was scheduled for September 17, 2015.

On August 7, 2015, the Board of Education submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to September 9, 2015. The Student did not object to the requested postponement and it was granted. On September 7, 2015, the Board of Education submitted a written request for a second thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to October 9, 2015. The Student did not object to the requested postponement and it was granted.

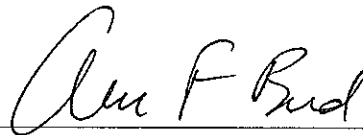
On September 14, 2015, the Student formally withdrew the request for an independent educational evaluation at public expense. Subsequently, on September 15, 2015, the Board of Education requested that this matter be dismissed.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

It is ordered that the Board's request for dismissal is granted and this matter 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

Ann F Bird

Hearing Officer

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