

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Manchester Board of Education and Student

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Linda Yoder
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Appearing on behalf of the Student: Surrogate Parent, *Pro Se*

Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the Student entitled to an independent neuropsychological evaluation at public expense?
2. Is the Student entitled to an independent psycho-educational evaluation at public expense?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Manchester Board of Education requested a special education hearing in the above-captioned matter on September 19, 2014 in response to the Student's request for an independent educational evaluation. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on September 19, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was conducted on October 3, 2014. The Student's Surrogate Parent appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Linda Yoder appeared on behalf of the Manchester Board of Education. Hearings were scheduled for December 5 and December 18, 2014. In addition, the deadline for mailing the Final Decision and Order was established to be October 31, 2014.

On October 24, 2014, Counsel for 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. The Surrogate Parent did not object to the requested postponement, and it was granted.

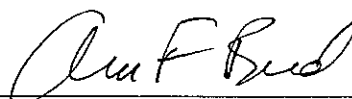
On November 20, 2014, Counsel for the Board of Education reported that the parties reached a settlement and requested additional time to finalize the documentation of the settlement. The Surrogate Parent consented to the request, and the hearing date of December 5, 2014 was cancelled. On December 18, 2014, the Board of Education reported that the dispute had been resolved, and requested that the case be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Board of Education'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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