

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Barkhamsted Board of Education and Student

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education:

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Appearing on behalf of the Student:

Parent, Pro Se

Appearing before:

Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Is the Student entitled to a neuropsychological assessment as part of an independent education evaluation at public expense?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Board of Education requested a special education due process hearing in this matter on May 3, 2016. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on May 6, 2016. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was convened on May 27, 2016. Attorney Alyce Alfano appeared on behalf of the Board of Education and the Student's father appeared on behalf of the Student. The deadline for filing the final decision and order was established to be June 17, 2016. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for July 27, 2016.

On May 31, 2016, the parties mutually 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 July 17, 2016. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties an opportunity to participate in mediation. The request was granted and the timelines were extended to July 15, 2016.

On June 22, 2016, the Board 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 August 12, 2016. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties an opportunity to participate in mediation. The Student did not object to the request and it was granted. On July 20, 2016, the Board of Education reported that the case had been settled and requested that the matter be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student'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

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Hearing Officer

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