

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Stamford 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 deny the Student a free appropriate public education from December 2, 2012 to the present by a) failing to conduct appropriate evaluations; b) failing to create appropriate goals and objectives; c) failing to provide appropriate services; d) failing to allow parental participation in planning the Student's program; and/or e) predetermining the Student's program?
2. If so, is the Student entitled to a) reimbursement for the expenses incurred for speech language therapy; b) speech language therapy provided by Therapist Skuburdis or another therapist of Student's choice into the future; and/or c) compensatory education services for up to two years?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on December 3, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on December 29, 2014. Attorney Courtney Spencer appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christopher Tracey appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. At that time, it was established that the deadline for filing the final decision and order in this case was February 16, 2015. Evidentiary hearings were scheduled for March 2 and March 3, 2015.

On January 2, Counsel for the Student 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 March 18, 2015. The request was granted. On February 26, 2015, the Student reported that the parties were engaged in settlement discussions and requested that the hearing be postponed. This request was also granted.

March 10, 2015

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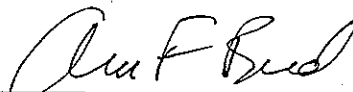
On March 6, 2015, the Student reported that the dispute had been resolved, and requested that the case be dismissed with prejudice.

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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