

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Weston Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

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Appearing before:

Attorney Ann F. Bird, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the Student eligible for special education and/or related services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and state law?
2. If so, did the Board of Education violate its Child Find obligation with respect to the Student?
3. If so, what remedies are appropriate for the Student?
4. If so, has the Board of Education offered the Student a free appropriate public education from November 4, 2011 to the present?
5. If not, is the Student entitled to reimbursement of expenses and/or other remedies?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on November 4, 2013. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on November 14, 2013. Attorney Phillip Cohn appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christopher Tracey appeared on behalf of the Weston Board of Education. Hearings were scheduled for January 7 and January 8, 2014.

On December 18, 2013, the Student submitted a written request for a postponement of the hearings and a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to February 14, 2014. That request was granted and hearings were rescheduled to February 26 and February 27, 2014. On February 5, 2014 the Student requested a further extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to March 14, 2014. That request was also granted.

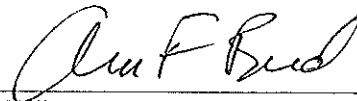
On February 21, 2014, the Student reported that the parties had settled the case and requested that the Impartial Hearing Officer dismiss the matter.

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

Ann F Bird

Hearing Officer

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