

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Suffield 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

ISSUE:

Was the Student's behavior a manifestation of his disability?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested an expedited special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter to challenge the Board of Education's manifestation determination on November 6, 2015. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on November 9, 2015. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was conducted on November 16, 2015. Attorney Catherine Cushman appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Marsha Moses appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was determined that the initial deadline for filing the Final Decision and Order is December 21, 2016.

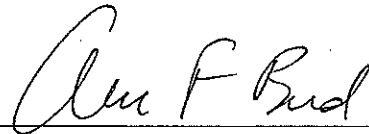
On December 4, 2015, the Student notified the Impartial Hearing Officer that the parties reached a final settlement of the matter and requested that the case be dismissed with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the request of the Student 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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