

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Enfield Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Craig Meuser
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Appearing before: Justino Rosado, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Were the Board's psycho educational, speech and language, and occupational therapy evaluations appropriate? If not;
2. Should the Board be responsible for the cost of independent psycho educational, speech and language, and occupational therapy evaluations?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student is identified as entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) as defined in the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq. At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parents were not in agreement with the psychoeducational, speech and language, and occupational therapy evaluations performed by the Board. The Parents requested independent psycho educational, speech and language, and occupational therapy evaluations. The Board denied the Parents' request and filed for a due process hearing.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on June 9, 2016 and a pre-hearing conference was held on June 22, 2016. In an electronic transmission the Parents informed the Board that they were withdrawing their request for independent evaluations with prejudice. The Board, upon receiving the notification, withdrew its request for due process.

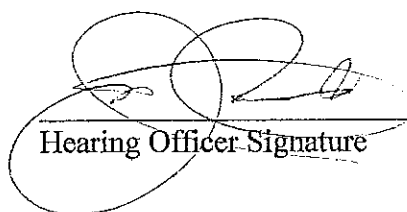
The date for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order is July 21, 2016.

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THE 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

Justino Rosado
Hearing Officer Name in Print