STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Redding Board of Education

Appearing on Behalf of the Parents: Pro Se

Appearing on Behalf of the Board:Marsha B. Moses, Esq.Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C.75 Broad StreetMilford, Ct 06460

Appearing Before:

Attorney Justino Rosado, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

- 1. Was the program and related services offered by the Board for the 2005-2006 appropriate and provide the student with FAPE according to 20 USC 1401 et seq?
- 2. Was the program and related services offered by the Board for the 2006-2007 appropriate and provide the student with FAPE according to 20 USC 1401 et seq?
- 3. Should the Board reimburse the Parents for the cost of the unilateral placement at Valley Forge Military School?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The student is a 14 years and 8 month young man who has been identified with a Specific Learning Disability and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE") as defined in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a.

The Parents rejected the program offered to the student for the 2006-2007 school year. The Parents requested placement of the student at Valley Forge Military School, Pennsylvania and reimbursement of the unilateral placement at Valley Forge Military School. The Board refused the Parents' request and the Parents requested a Due Process Hearing.

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On May 24, 2007, a Hearing Officer was appointed. A pre-hearing conference was held on June 11, 2007 and agreed upon hearing date of July 16, 2007 was scheduled. The Board received notice of the request for hearing on or about May 24, 2007.

On or about July 9, 2007, the Parents informed the Hearing Officer that the matter had been settled and that the hearing was being withdrawn with prejudice. The request for withdrawal with prejudice was granted.

The date for the filing of the Final Decision and Order is August 7, 2007.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.