STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent:

Pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing before:

Mary H.B. Gelfman, Esq. Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

From the request for hearing, it appears that Parent contended that Student required additional support in regular education classrooms, including but not limited to one-to-one paraprofessional support, access to a computer, scribing, etc.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested on January 26, 2008, and the hearing officer was appointed on January 31, 2008. The decision was due for mailing on April 10, 2008. A pre-hearing conference was scheduled for February 15, 2008. At a resolution meeting held on February 8, 2008, the Board agreed to fourteen items, including increased specific paraprofessional support. Parent agreed to a trial of these supports and modifications, and withdrew her request for hearing. The pre-hearing conference was cancelled.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISCUSSION:

1. Section 10-76(d), Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), authorizes an impartial hearing officer to conduct a special education hearing and to render a final decision in accordance with Sections 10-176e through 4-180a, inclusive, and Section 4-181a. Section 615(f)(1)(A) and 615(f)(3)(E), Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, also authorizes special education hearings.

2. According to Parent's communication to the hearing officer on February 14, 2008, no issues remain in dispute between the parties.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

There being no issues in dispute, this matter is DISMISSED without prejudice.