

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and East Hartford Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Attorney Colin Milne
Office of Protection and Advocacy for
Persons with Disabilities
60B Weston Court
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Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Linda L. Yoder
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Appearing before: Ann F. Bird, Esq., Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

1. Has the East Hartford Board of Education ("BOE") offered the Student a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") from December 5, 2011 to the present?
2. If not, what remedies, if any, are appropriate?
3. Is the BOE's proposed placement for the Student appropriate?
4. If not, what placement is appropriate for the Student?
5. Is the Student entitled to independent evaluations at public expense in the following areas: a) psychological; b) speech and language; c) occupational therapy; and/or d) functional behavior?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested an impartial special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on December 5, 2013. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on December 23, 2013. Attorney Colin Milne appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Linda Yoder appeared on behalf of the BOE. Hearings were scheduled for January 31, 2014, February 4, 2014 and February 6, 2014.

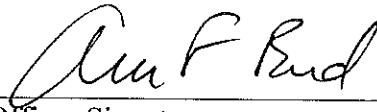
On January 22, 2014, the Student reported that the parties had reached a tentative settlement of the case and requested that the hearings be postponed. The request was granted. On January 31, 2014, the Student reported that the parties had settled the case and requested that the Impartial Hearing Officer dismiss the matter with prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this 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

Ann F. Bird

Hearing Officer Name in Print