

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Fairfield Board of Education

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Appearing before: Sylvia Ho, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Board provide appropriate programs in the 2012-2013, 2013-2014 school years and extended school years?
2. Did the Board offer an appropriate program for the 2014-2015 school year?
3. Did the Board appropriately evaluate the student in all suspected areas of disability and appropriately identify student?
4. Is Student's placement at Easton Country Day School appropriate?
5. Did the Board fail to provide homebound tutoring, counseling, and transportation services?
6. Are parents entitled to reimbursement of tuition and education related expenses for their unilateral placement of student?
7. Are parents entitled to reimbursement of the cost of payment to Dr. Bonasera?
8. Were parents denied meaningful participation at the PPT meeting on October 21, 2013?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY/SUMMARY:**

The Parent filed the Due Process Complaint and Request for Hearing on May 16, 2014. The Hearing Officer was appointed on May 19, 2014 and conducted a Prehearing Conference on May 28, 2014. The hearing was scheduled for July 25, 2014. On July 18, 2014, the parties reported that they had settled their dispute pending the finalization of their settlement agreement. On July 23, 2014, the Parent's attorney notified the Hearing Officer that the Parent was withdrawing the Due Process Complaint with prejudice.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

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).

  
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Hearing Officer Signature

Sylvia Ho  
Hearing Officer          Name in Print