

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Enfield Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education from June 2010 to the present, including extended school years?
2. Did the Board of Education commit procedural violations that resulted in a denial of a free appropriate public education to the Student from June 2010 to the present, including extended school years?
3. If the Student was denied a free appropriate public education, should the Board of Education place the Student at The May Institute or River Street School?
4. If the Student was denied a free appropriate public education, is the Student entitled to compensatory education, and if so, what would characterize such compensatory education program (duration, nature)?
5. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expense of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, hippotherapy, home based ABA therapy, and/or social skills groups?
6. What is the appropriate identification for the Student?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing on July 8, 2014. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on July 9, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was conducted on July 22, 2014. Attorney Christina Ghio appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christine Chinni appeared on behalf of the Enfield Board of Education. The deadline for completing the hearing and filing the final decision was established to be October 7, 2014. Evidentiary hearings were scheduled for September and October 2014. Later, additional hearings were scheduled through December 2014.

February 26, 2015

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On October 1, 2014, Counsel for the Student requested a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timeline to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision. Counsel for the Board of Education agreed to the request, and it was granted. Additional extensions of the timeline were requested and granted without objection through February 27, 2015.

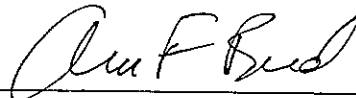
On February 24, 2015, the Student reported that the dispute had been resolved, and requested that the case be dismissed with prejudice.

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