

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Meriden Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: Parent, Pro se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Leander Dolphin
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Appearing before: Robert L. Skelley, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

No issues have been identified.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This complaint was originally filed on December 23, 2014. A prehearing conference call was attempted on December 23, 2014, at which time the Meriden Board of Education ("Board") made it clear that a sufficiency challenge was forthcoming from the Board, as well as a Motion to Dismiss, which was filed on January 16, 2015. The sufficiency challenge was dismissed as not timely, and an additional prehearing conference was scheduled for January 29, 2015. The Parties were notified of the prehearing conference call via the emails that had been provided. On January 16, 2015, the Board again filed a Motion to Dismiss for the Amended Complaint, which the Parent had filed on December 23, 2014. On January 29, 2015, the Board and the Hearing Officer were present for the prehearing conference call. The Parent was not present. Counsel for the Board attempted to reach the Parent via telephone but was unable to do so. Counsel then reiterated its sufficiency challenge to the Amended Complaint. The Hearing Officer granted the Motion to Dismiss the Amended Complaint, dismissing the amended complaint without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED. With no further issues to be decided, this matter is DISMISSED, *without 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

Robert L. Skelley, Esq.

Hearing Officer Name in Print