

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Enfield Board of Education and Student

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Christine Chinni
Chinni & Meuser LLC

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent, *Pro Se*

Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Is the Board of Education's evaluation of the Student appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Enfield Board of Education requested a special education hearing in the above-captioned matter on January 12, 2016. This Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on January 13, 2016. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on January 28, 2016. The Student's mother appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christine Chinni appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. The deadline for conducting the hearing and filing the final decision was established to be February 26, 2016. Evidentiary hearings were scheduled for February 23, 2016 and March 14, 2016.

On February 20, 2016 the Board of Education submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to March 25, 2016. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties to participate in mediation, which was scheduled for March 9, 2016. The Parent agreed to the requested postponement and it was granted.

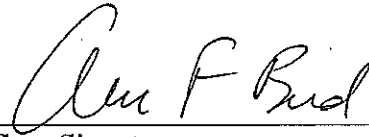
On March 21, 2016, the Board of Education reported that the matter had been resolved and requested that it be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Board of Education's request for dismissal is granted and this matter is dismissed.

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