

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Newtown Board of Education and Student

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Julie Fay
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Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent, *Pro Se*

Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Is the Board of Education's evaluation appropriate?
2. If the Board of Education's evaluation is not appropriate, is the Student entitled to an independent educational evaluation conducted by CCSN at public expense?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Board of Education initiated this special education due process case on June 6, 2017. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on June 9, 2017. A Prehearing Conference was convened on June 30, 2017. The Student's mother appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Julie Fay appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision in this case is July 21, 2017. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for July 21, 2017.

In addition, 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 August 18, 2017, 2017. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to accommodate the hearing schedule. The Student agreed to the requested postponement and it was granted.

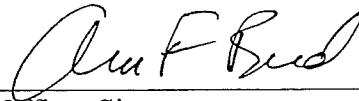
On July 10, 2017, the Board of Education requested that this matter be withdrawn or dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Board of Education's request is granted and the 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