

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Hartford Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: *Pro se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Melinda Kaufmann
City of Hartford
Office of the Corporation Counsel
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Hartford, CT 06103

Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

1. Whether the Board has committed procedural violations.
2. Whether the Student is eligible for special education.
3. If so, what shall be the free appropriate public education [FAPE] for the Student.
4. Whether the Student is entitled to compensatory education.

SUMMARY:

This matter was assigned to the undersigned hearing officer, and a prehearing conference convened on April 16, 2009. At the prehearing conference, the hearing was scheduled to convene on May 22, 2009.

Subsequent to the prehearing conference, the Parent submitted notification that an attorney was representing her. The attorney was sent a copy of the notice of the scheduled hearing date, with notice that an appearance of the attorney must be filed. No notice of appearance was submitted by any attorney.

The Parent has now submitted notification that she is “withdrawing from any need to have a mediation hearing for (*Student*) at this time,” and further requested to “[p]lease cancel any already

scheduled meetings(s); a.s.a.p.” The Board also submitted a request to dismiss the case, as the Parent has not made herself available for any resolution session and has not agreed to mediate this case.

Based on the foregoing, it is concluded that the Parent does not wish to proceed with the hearing at this time. Therefore, this case is dismissed without prejudice. The Parent retains the right to re-file a request for hearing if she determines at a later date that she wants to proceed with a hearing regarding the Student.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED**, without prejudice.