

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Shelton Board of Education

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

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Appearing before: Attorney Janis C. Jerman, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

A special education hearing in the above-captioned matter was requested by the Student via Request for Impartial Special Education Hearing dated August 17, 2009. The Board of Education received the request on August 25, 2009. Therefore, the 30-day resolution period ran through September 24, 2009. The deadline for mailing the final decision and order is November 8, 2009. The issue identified in the request for hearing is whether the Board of Education failed to implement Student's IEP.

The parties participated in mediation on September 8, 2009, prior to a pre-hearing conference being scheduled. On September 11, 2009, the Hearing Officer was notified by the Due Process Unit that the parties reached an agreement at mediation and that the *pro se* Parent would advise the Hearing Officer on the status of the hearing request. In light of that communication, a pre-hearing conference was not scheduled. On September 24, 2009, the Hearing Officer notified the parties that a pre-hearing conference would be scheduled if a written request to withdraw was not received by October 2, 2009.

A written request to withdraw was not received so the matter was scheduled for a pre-hearing conference on October 19, 2009 with an indication that it would be cancelled if a written request to withdraw was received by October 18, 2009. On October 16, the Parent e-mailed the Hearing Officer indicating that the request for hearing had already been withdrawn and requested that the pre-hearing conference be cancelled.

In light of the above facts, the above-captioned case is hereby dismissed with prejudice.