

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Wilton Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education offer an appropriate program to the Student for the 2012/2013 School Year and/or the 2013/2014 School Year?
2. If an appropriate program was not offered for the 2012/2013 School Year and/or the 2013/2014 School Year, was the Student's unilateral placement appropriate?
3. If so, is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expenses of his unilateral placement during the 2012/2013 School Year and/or the 2013/2014 School Year?
4. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education services?
5. Should the Student be placed at the Oxford Academy for the 2014 Extended School Year and/or the 2014/2015 School Year?
6. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expense of Dr. Kruger's participation in the 12/19/2013 Planning and Placement Team meeting?
7. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement for tutoring expenses for the 2012/2013 School Year and/or the 2013/2014 School Year?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on April 3, 2014. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on April 4, 2014. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was conducted on April 14, 2014. Attorney Lawrence Berliner appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christopher Tracey appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. Hearings were scheduled for May 16, 2014 and May 20, 2014.

On May 8, 2014 the parties jointly requested that the hearing scheduled for May 16, 2014 be cancelled because they had reached an agreement for resolution of the case in principal and required additional time to complete it. The parties' request was granted and the May 16, 2014 hearing was cancelled.

June 10, 2014

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On May 16, 2014, the Student requested that the hearing scheduled for May 20, 2014 be cancelled to allow more time for finalization of the settlement agreement. The Board of Education consented to the request and the May 20, 2014 hearing was cancelled.

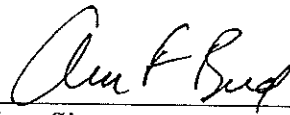
On June 6, 2014 the Student reported that the parties had resolved the case and requested that the Impartial Hearing Officer dismiss the matter.

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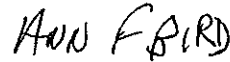
It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this matter is dismissed.

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



Hearing Officer Name in Print