

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student and Westport Board of Education

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

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Marsha Moses
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Milford, CT 06460

Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board of Education offer an appropriate program for the Student at the annual review meeting in April 2014?
2. If not, should the Board of Education provide additional home based services on an extended school day and/or extended school year basis?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing on April 17, 2014. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on April 21, 2014. A prehearing conference was held on May 1, 2014. The Student's parents represented themselves *pro se* and Attorney Marsha Moses represented the Board of Education. Hearings were scheduled for June 23, 2014, June 24, 2014 and June 25, 2014.

On May 2, the Student requested a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to July 31, 2014. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties time to participate in mediation. Counsel for the Board of Education agreed to the requested postponement, and the request was granted.

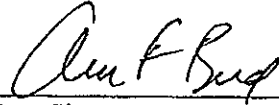
On May 26, 2014 the Student requested that the Impartial Hearing Officer dismiss the matter.

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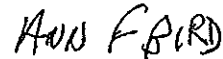
It is ordered that the Student's request for dismissal is granted and this matter is dismissed.

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