

April 24, 2015

Case Number: 15-0401

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Hartford Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Craig Meuser
Chinni and Meuser, LLC
One Darling Drive
Avon, CT 06001

Appearing before: Attorney Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Was the evaluation conducted by the District appropriate, thereby relieving the District of an obligation to pay for any Independent Educational Evaluations requested by Parent?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY AND SUMMARY:

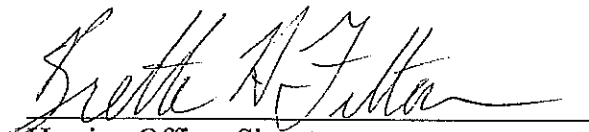
On March 6, 2015, Parent received the Hartford Board of Education's Request for a Special Education Due Process Hearing and the undersigned Hearing Officer was appointed on March 10, 2015. During the prehearing conference held on March 20, 2015, the deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was established as April 20, 2015. A request for an extension of the deadline for the mailing of the Final Decision and Order was made during the prehearing conference in order to accommodate the agreed upon hearing date of April 23, 2015. This request was granted and resulted in a revised deadline of May 20, 2015. On April 23, 2015, the first date of hearing, the Board and the Parent appeared in front of the Hearing Officer and indicated they had settled their dispute. The Attorney for the Board then withdrew the Special Education Due Process Hearing Request on the record.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

In light of the above facts, the case 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

Brette H. Fitton
Hearing Officer Name in Print