

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Greenwich Board of Education

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Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Should the Student be identified as eligible for special education and/or related services?
2. If so, did the Board of Education timely evaluate and identify the Student?
3. If the Student is eligible, did the Board of Education offer the Student a free appropriate public education during the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 school years, including extended school years?
4. If not, is Eagle Hill School appropriate for the Student?
5. If Eagle Hill School is appropriate, is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expenses of Eagle Hill School?
6. If the Board of Education did not timely identify the Student and provide a free appropriate public education, is the Student entitled to compensatory education?
7. Is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expense of a psychoeducational evaluation by the Soifer Center and/or for psychiatric care for the Student?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student filed this request for a special education due process hearing on April 6, 2015. The Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on April 8, 2015. The deadline for submitting the decision was established to be June 19, 2015. A prehearing conference was held on April 27, and hearings were scheduled for June 17 2015 and June 29, 2015.

On May 28, 2015, the Student requested that the June 17, 2015 hearing be cancelled so that the parties could mediate on that day. The request was granted. On June 8, 2015, the Student submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to July 17, 2015. The purpose of the

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requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties time for mediation of the dispute, scheduled for June 17, 2015. The Board of Education did not object to the requested postponement and it was granted. The hearing date of June 29, 2015 was also cancelled.

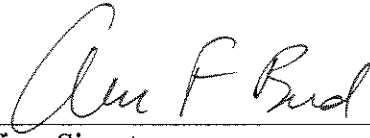
On July 15, 2015 the Student reported that the dispute had been finally resolved, and requested that the case be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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

ANN F BIRD

Hearing Officer Name in Print