

August 4, 2015

Final Decision and Order 15-0551

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Wilton Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

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Appearing on behalf of the 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 the Student a free appropriate public education from February 19, 2015?
2. If the Board of Education did not offer the Student a free appropriate public education, were the Student's unilateral placements appropriate?
3. If the unilateral placements were appropriate, is the Student entitled to reimbursement for the expenses associated with them?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student filed this request for a special education due process hearing on June 2, 2015. The Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on June 2, 2015, and a prehearing conference was held on June 26, 2015. Attorney Andrew Feinstein appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Christopher Tracey appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. The deadline for submitting the final decision was established to be August 14, 2015, and hearings were scheduled for August 3, 2015, August 4, 2015, August 5, 2015 and August 6, 2015.

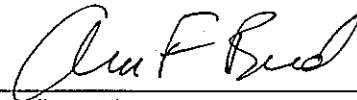
On July 29, 2015, the Student reported that the parties had been finally resolved, and requested that the case be dismissed.

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