

July 23, 2014

Final Decision and Order Case No. 14-0566

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Region 6 Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Surrogate Parent: Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Christine L. Chinni
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Appearing before: Justino Rosado, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. During the 2013-2014 school year, did the Student require occupational therapy sessions for .67 hours per week in order to receive a free and appropriate public education (FAPE)? If so;
2. Is the Student entitled to compensatory education for the denial of FAPE?

SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student has been identified as entitled to receive FAPE as defined in the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq.

At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parent requested that the Student receive .67 hours of occupational therapy. The Board refused the Parent's request. The Parent requested a due process hearing.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on June 4, 2014 and a pre-hearing conference was scheduled for June 18, 2014. The Board received notice of the request for a due process hearing on June 4, 2014.

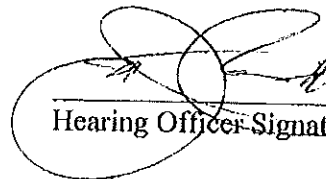
At the pre-hearing conference, the Parent advised the hearing officer that she was withdrawing the matter without prejudice. There was no objection by the Board. The mailing date for the Final Decision and Order is August 18, 2014.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

THE MATTER IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

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

Justino Rosado
Hearing Officer Name in Print