

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Monroe Board of Education and Student

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Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Must the Board of Education provide an independent evaluation in the area of Functional Behavioral Assessment of the Student at public expense?
2. Must the Board of Education provide an independent evaluation in the area of Writing and Reading of the Student at public expense?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Monroe Board of Education requested a special education due process hearing on February 11, 2015. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on February 13, 2015. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on February 24, 2015 and continued to March 2, 2015. Attorney Jennifer Laviano appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Marsha Moses appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. It was established that the deadline for filing the final decision and order would be March 27, 2015. Evidentiary hearings were scheduled for April 7 and 8, 2015.

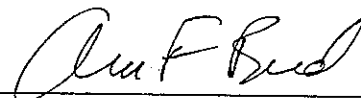
On March 24, 2015, the Board of Education submitted a written request for a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to April 24, 2015. The Student did not object to the request and it was granted. On April 2, 2015 the Board of Education reported that the dispute had been resolved, and requested that the case be dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Board of Education'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