

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Enfield Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent:

Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing before:

Justino Rosado, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Did the Student's 2014-2015 IEP provide the speech and language services required to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE)? If not;
2. Should the Board reimburse the Parent for the cost of private speech and language services?

**SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student has been identified as Speech and Language Impaired and is entitled to receive a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment 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 rejected the speech and language services offered by the Board. The Parent requested reimbursement for the speech and language services they were providing the Student. The Board refused the Parent's request. The parties advised the hearing officer that they were going to attend a resolution session. The resolution session date was pending.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on May 12, 2015 and a pre-hearing conference was held on May 20, 2015. A June 25, 2015 hearing date was chosen by the parties. On June 10, 2015 the Parent requested that the hearing date be cancelled in order to complete evaluations of the Student. The request was granted. On July 2, 2015, the Parent withdrew the request for due process. There was no objection by the Board.

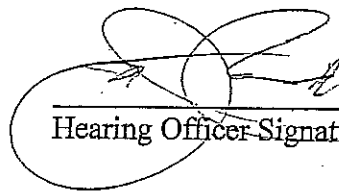
The mailing date for the Final Decision and Order is July 24, 2015.

**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