

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and New Haven 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. Does the Student require assistive technology and an adult monitor as part of his program?
2. Did the Board of Education appropriately evaluate the Student in all suspected areas of disability?
3. Has the Board of Education offered the Student a free appropriate public education for the 2015-2016 School Year?
4. If not, what changes, including a possible change in placement, are appropriate?
5. Did the Board of Education provide the Student with a free appropriate public education from July 26, 2013 through the present?
6. If not, is the Student entitled to compensatory education and if so, what services are appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on May 28, 2015. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear the case on May 28, 2015. After a few unsuccessful efforts, a telephonic pre-hearing conference was finally held on July 20, 2015. Attorney Michelle Laubin appeared on behalf of the Board of Education and Attorney Terry Bedard appeared on behalf of the Student. At that time, the deadline for filing the final decision and order was established to be August 12, 2015. An evidentiary hearing was scheduled for September 8, 2015.

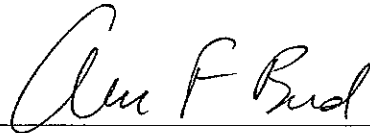
On July 26, 2015, the Student moved to amend the complaint and submitted a proposed amended request for special education due process hearing. The Board of Education did not object to the requested amendment, and it was allowed. The amendment reset the deadline for filing the final decision and order to October 10, 2015. On August 24, 2015, the Student reported that the parties had finally resolved their dispute, 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