

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Bolton Board of Education and Student

Appearing on behalf of the Student:

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Appearing before:

Attorney Ann F. Bird  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUE:**

Is the Board of Education's evaluation of the Student in the areas of psychology, speech & language and/or transition appropriate?

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Board of Education requested a special education due process hearing in the above-captioned matter on June 23, 2015. This Impartial Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on June 24, 2015. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was held on July 14, 2015. The Student's parent and advocate appeared on behalf of the Student and Attorney Linda Yoder appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. At that time, a hearing date of August 13, 2015 was scheduled, and the deadline for filing the final decision and order was identified as August 7, 2015. Subsequently, Attorney Laviano entered the case on behalf of the Student.

On July 30, 2015, the Board of Education reported that the parties had participated in mediation and were working on a settlement agreement. The Board of Education requested a thirty-day postponement and extension of the timelines to conduct the hearing and to file the final decision in this case to September 4, 2015. The purpose of the requested postponement and extension was to allow the parties to pursue a tentative settlement in principal reached at mediation. The postponement was granted.

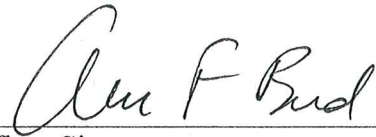
On September 2, 2015, the Board of Education reported that the parties had resolved their dispute, and requested that the case be dismissed.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

It is ordered that the Board'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).



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Hearing Officer Signature

ANN F BIRD

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Hearing Officer          Name in Print