

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Stamford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

This hearing began on November 6, 2000 with the parents' request for due process. This hearing officer was assigned to the case on November 7, 2000. A prehearing conference was held on November 16, at which time the hearing date was scheduled for November 27, 2000. Both parties filed lists of witnesses and exhibits. On November 27, the parties appeared for the hearing and requested an opportunity to discuss a settlement of the case. After approximately two hours, the parties advised the hearing officer that a settlement had been agreed upon and requested 30 days in which to complete the agreement and withdraw the hearing request. The hearing officer granted the request and a hearing date was scheduled for December 27. On December 22 the parents' attorney requested a one-week postponement of the hearing. The motion was granted and the hearing was rescheduled to January 3, 2001. On December 29, the parents' attorney wrote to the hearing officer and requested that the January 3 hearing be cancelled. The hearing officer contacted the parties regarding the status of the settlement and withdrawal. The parents' attorney in a letter dated January 3, indicated that the case was not withdrawn, but did not request another hearing date.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The hearing has been postponed for 30 days to allow the parties to settle the case as provided in Conn. State Regs. Section 10-76h-9(e). At this time, the case has been reported as settled, but has not been withdrawn and the parties are not prepared to go forward to a hearing. It is ordered that the case shall be dismissed without prejudice.