STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Student v. Bridgeport Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: The Parent appeared *pro se.*

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Susan Freedman, Shipman & Goodwin, One Constitution Plaza, Hartford, CT 06103-1919

Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SUMMARY:

The Parent submitted a request for hearing to the Board on or about March 8, 2007. In the request, she noted that she was "disputing the fact that my son [   ] was moved on from grade to grade without having [any] grades."

A notice of a prehearing teleconference was sent via facsimile to both parties for a prehearing on March 16. No notice was received from the Parent indicating that she was unavailable for the scheduled prehearing conference, nor requesting contact at an alternative telephone number for the prehearing conference. On March 16, the Board was available for the prehearing, but the Parent was not available at the telephone number provided in her request for hearing.

As a courtesy to the Parent, a second prehearing conference was scheduled for March 20. Notice was sent to both parties via facsimile of this second prehearing conference, with directions to confer with the other party if the date or time was not convenient, and to provide another contact number if available at another phone number at the time of the scheduled prehearing. No notice was received from the Parent in response to the Notice of Second Prehearing Conference.   At the second prehearing conference, the Board was available, but the Parent was not available at the telephone number provided in her request for hearing.

Based on the Parent's nonappearance for the two scheduled prehearing conferences, and her failure to contact the hearing officer and/or opposing counsel to

reschedule the prehearing conference, it is found that the Parent is not prosecuting this action. Therefore, this matter is dismissed, without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The matter is **DISMISSED,** without prejudice.