

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Suffield Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: Parent, Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Dr. Laura Seese
Interim Director of Special Education
Suffield Public Schools
350 Mountain Road
Suffield, CT 06078

Appearing before: Attorney Mary H.B. Gelfman
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

1. Whether placement at Summit School is appropriate to Student's special education needs?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

This hearing was requested on April 11, 2007, and the hearing officer was appointed on April 12, 2007. The deadline for the mailing of the final decision and order is June 25, 2007. A pre-hearing conference was scheduled for April 25, 2007, but the Board's representative telephoned the hearing officer in the evening of April 24 to request a delay in the pre-hearing conference because the requested placement had been made and a hearing might not be necessary. A telephone call to the Parent revealed that although the placement had been made, transportation arrangements and a requested analysis of graduation credits had not been completed. The hearing officer postponed the pre-hearing conference to May 3, 2007, to provide time for the remaining issues to be addressed.

At the pre-hearing conference on May 3, 2007, the parties reported that all issues had been resolved. The hearing officer requested that Parent send a written withdrawal of the

request for hearing. No such communication has been received within the week since the pre-hearing conference.

All motions and objections not previously ruled upon, if any, are hereby overruled.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND DISCUSSION:

Section 10-76(d), Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), authorizes an impartial hearing officer to conduct a special education hearing and to render a final decision in accordance with Sections 4-176e through 4-180a, inclusive, and Section 4-181a. Section 615(f)(1)(A) and 615(f)(3)(E), Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, also authorizes special education hearings.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

The parties have informed the hearing officer that all issues in dispute have been resolved. Therefore, this matter is DISMISSED without prejudice.