

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Norwalk Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Parent: Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board: Attorney Michael McKeon
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Appearing before: Robert L. Skelley, Esq.
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Were the evaluations conducted by the Norwalk Board of Education (“Board”) and the subsequent denial of the Parent request for an Independent Educational Evaluation (“IEE”) of the Student appropriate?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The request for a due process hearing was filed by the Board on December 20, 2013, in defense of the Board’s decision to deny a publicly funded IEE. The Hearing Officer sent communication to the Parties in an attempt to schedule a prehearing conference. The communication was sent via email to the Board, and by U.S. Postal Service, first class, prepaid, to the Parents on December 27, 2013. As of January 10, 2014 the Hearing Officer had not received any communications from the parties and so sent an email to counsel for the Board requesting if the Parents had made contact with the Board. On January 13, 2014, the Hearing Officer received an email from the Board’s Special Education and Student Services Administrator, in which it was stated that the Board was formally withdrawing its request for a due process hearing as the Parties had come to a resolution.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

As the Board has formally withdrawn the request for a due process hearing and with no further issues to be decided, this matter is DISMISSED.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

Robert L. Skelley, Esq.

Hearing Officer Name in Print