

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student and Bridgeport Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Student: Parent, *Pro Se*

Appearing on behalf of the Board of Education: Attorney Gwen Zittoun
Shipman & Goodwin LLP

Appearing before: Attorney Ann F. Bird
Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUE:

Was the Student's behavior a manifestation of his disability?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Student requested an expedited special education due process hearing in the above-captioned on January 14, 2016. The Impartial Hearing Officer was appointed to hear and decide the case on January 19, 2016. A telephonic pre-hearing conference was conducted on January 28, 2016.

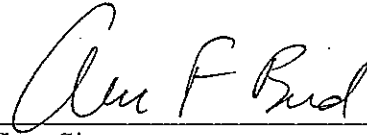
Attorney Gwen Zittoun appeared on behalf of the Board of Education. The Student did not appear. The Board of Education reported that the matter had been resolved and that the Student intended to withdraw her request for a special education due process hearing. On February 2, 2016, the Student confirmed that she desired to have her request for a special education hearing dismissed.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that the Student'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).



Hearing Officer Signature

ANN F BIRD

Hearing Officer Name in Print