

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Glastonbury Board of Education v. Student

Appearing on behalf of the Parents:

Pro Se

Appearing on behalf of the Board:

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Appearing before:

Justino Rosado, Esq.  
Hearing Officer

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

**ISSUES:**

1. Were the evaluations performed by the Board appropriate? If not;
2. Should the Board conduct an Independent Speech and Language Evaluation of the Student at public expense?

**SUMMARY AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY:**

The Student has not been identified as eligible to receive a free and appropriate public education and related services (FAPE) as defined in the Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq. and Connecticut General Statute §10-76a et seq. At a planning and placement team (PPT) meeting, the Parents were not in agreement with the evaluations performed by the Board and requested an independent speech and language evaluation at public expense. The Board refused the Parents' request and filed for a due process hearing.

An impartial hearing officer was appointed on June 27, 2016 and a pre-hearing conference was held on July 6, 2016. The parties agreed to mediation; the date of the mediation was pending.

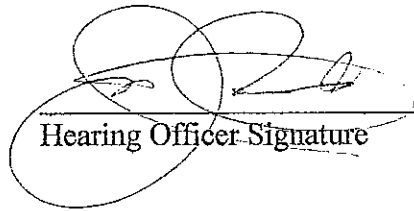
In an electronic transmission the Board's attorney advised the hearing officer that the Parents were withdrawing their request for an independent evaluation. Based on the Parents' representation, the Board withdrew their request for due process. The date for mailing the Final Decision and Order is August 11, 2016.

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:**

**THE 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

Justino Rosado  
Hearing Officer Name in Print