

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Milford Board of Education

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Appearing before: Attorney Mary Elizabeth Oppenheim
Hearing Officer

ISSUE:

Whether the Board failed to provide appropriate vocational counseling for the Student in accordance with the agreement at the September 25, 2003 PPT meeting.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

The matter was assigned on November 14, 2003, and a prehearing conference was held on November 19. The hearing was scheduled to convene on December 18.

The Parent's attorney submitted a request for postponement of the December 18 hearing date to permit the parties to engage in good faith settlement negotiations, and to permit the Parent's attorney additional time to prepare for the hearing. On December 10, the Parent attorney's request for a postponement of the December 18 hearing was granted, and the mailing date of the final decision was extended 30 days in accordance with Conn. Agencies Regs. Sec. 10-76h-9(e) so that the parties could attempt to settle this matter through mediation.

The Parent's attorney submitted a second request for a postponement/extension on December 31, requesting that the January 12 hearing date be postponed so that the parties could attempt to settle this matter through mediation, as the scheduled mediation was postponed. This second request was denied, as the parties are entitled to only one 30-day postponement for settlement discussions, pursuant to Conn. Agencies Regs. Sec.

10-76h-9(e). Subsequently, on January 5, the Parent's attorney submitted a request that the request for hearing be dismissed without prejudice, pursuant to Conn. Agencies Regs. Sec. 10-76h-9(e).

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

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