

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Student v. Mansfield Board of Education

Appearing on behalf of the Parents: Atty. Walter R. Keenan, 65 Jacobs Hill Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Appearing on behalf of the Mansfield Board of Education: Atty. Michael P. McKeon, Sullivan, Schoen, Campana & Connon, LLC, 646 Prospect Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105-4286

Appearing before: Attorney Patricia M. Strong, Hearing Officer

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ISSUES:

1. Did the Board offer a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the Student at the Planning and Placement Team meetings on December 15, 2005; January 5, 2006; March 30, 2006; June 22, 2006; November 30, 2006; and June 20, 2007 as required by 20 U.S.C. Section 1401 et seq. and Conn. Gen. Stats., Section 10-76a?

2. Did the Board properly evaluate the Student during the time period in paragraph 1?

3. Is the Board responsible to provide an independent education evaluation in the area of assistive technology?

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

The Parents requested this hearing by mailing a Complaint to the State Department of Education ("SDE") and copies to the Board and its previous attorney on October 29. The SDE received the Complaint on October 30. This Hearing Officer was assigned to the case on November 1. On November 8, a prehearing conference was scheduled for November 15. On November 8, the Board's previous attorney filed a sufficiency challenge to the Complaint. On November 13, that Board attorney sent a letter to the Hearing Officer stating that she was no longer representing the Board and that Atty. McKeon would be representing the Board. On November 14, Atty. McKeon sent a letter to the Hearing Officer requesting that the prehearing conference be

rescheduled at a later time or the following day because of another hearing. On November 15, the Parents' attorney filed a withdrawal without prejudice.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER:

It is ordered that this case shall be dismissed without prejudice.