

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

REDWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH Case No. 2015040976

ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE OF JUNE 5, 2015,
GRANTING MOTION TO CONTINUE
PREHEARING CONFERENCE, AND
TO AMEND PREHEARING
CONFERENCE STATEMENTS

On June 5, 2015, a telephonic prehearing conference was held before Administrative Law Judge Robert Helfand, Office of Administrative Hearings. Sarah J. Fairchild, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Parent on behalf of Student. Jennifer Stalzer Kraske, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Redwood City School District). The PHC was recorded.

Based on discussion of the parties, the ALJ issues the following order:

Motion to Continue: Student, joined by District, orally moved to continue the Prehearing Conference to Monday, June 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. on grounds that (1) the parties are involved in negotiations to settle the matter following an Individualized Education Program meeting held on June 4, 2015, with the parties scheduled to further meet on Monday, June 8, 2015; and (2) Student desires to file a clarification of issues. Good cause showing, the motion to continue is GRANTED and the Prehearing Conference will be continued to June 8, 2015, at 3:00 p.m..

Motions to Amend Prehearing Conference Statements: District moves to amend its witness list by adding Lynne Griffiths to its witness list. Student does not oppose the motion. The motion to add Lynne Griffiths to the District witness list is granted. District also moves to add to its exhibit list emails. Student does not oppose the motion. The motion is granted.

Student requests to amend its witness list to add Student's pediatrician. District does not oppose the request. This request is granted.

Both parties will file amendments to their respective Prehearing Conference Statements in accordance with this order.

Settlement. The parties are encouraged to continue working together

to reach an agreement before the due process hearing. The parties shall inform OAH in writing immediately should they reach a settlement or otherwise resolve the dispute before the scheduled hearing. In addition, if a settlement is reached within five days of the scheduled start of the due process hearing, the parties shall also inform OAH of the settlement by telephone at (916) 263-0880.

IF A FULL AND FINAL WRITTEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IS REACHED AFTER 5:00 P.M. THE DAY PRIOR TO HEARING, THE PARTIES SHALL LEAVE A VOICEMAIL MESSAGE REGARDING THE SETTLEMENT AT (916) 274-6035. THE PARTIES SHOULD ALSO LEAVE CONTACT INFORMATION SUCH AS CELLULAR PHONE NUMBERS OF EACH PARTY OR COUNSEL FOR EACH PARTY. THE PARTIES SHOULD SIMULTANEOUSLY FAX THE SIGNATURE PAGE OF THE SIGNED AGREEMENT OR A LETTER WITHDRAWING THE CASE TO THE OAH AT THE FAXINATION LINE at 916-376-6319.

Dates for hearing will not be cancelled until the letter of withdrawal or signature page of the signed agreement has been received by OAH. If an agreement in principle is reached, the parties should plan to attend the scheduled hearing unless different arrangements have been agreed upon by the assigned ALJ. The assigned ALJ will check for messages the evening prior to the hearing or the morning of the hearing.

Failure to comply with this order may result in the exclusion of evidence or other sanctions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: June 8, 2015

/s/

ROBERT HELFAND
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings