

ABE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 4/4/00

Members Attending: B. Ash, D. Branco, H. Chernow, J. Koss-Cole, K. DeJesus, M. Forry, J. McCarthy, S. Martin, L. Soricone, S. Waldron,

Members Absent: J. McGovern, K. Skinner, P. Veysey

DOE Staff Attending: B. Bickerton, R. Derfler, M.J. Fay

DOE Staff Absent: M. Gillon

SABES Staff Attending: C. Reid

Minutes Compiled by: M.J. Fay

Agenda Item #:

1) Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Approved

meeting minutes are a matter of public record: minutes will be posted on the web

Announcements:

- Ruth reported speaking with the House Legal Council regarding the name “adult education” v. “adult basic education” and they will research it further.

2) Streamlining Proposal:

#9 – Poll: add check to 480 6-4, add check

#17 – Poll: add check 6, no checks 3, 1 abstention; add check to 2,400 hours

#18 – Poll: adding check mark 2,400 8-2, add check

#19 – Poll: no check marks 6, add check to 2,400 & 2,400 + K-12 3-1; Approved

#20 – Poll: retaining the checks: 8-2; Approved

#22 – Poll: as is 6 add checks to 2,400 and K-12 2-2; Approved

There is a question about whether the streamlining process should go out as part of public comment. Bob and Ruth will discuss.

Additional Streamlining Issues:

The Committee votes to recommend:

- a) Timeline: Should there be a deadline for use of the streamlining tracts? Vote: 3-6-1 No timeline
- b) Literacy test: Should ABE teachers using the streamlining option, with 2,400 hours of ABE teaching experience but who do not have a current pre-K-12 certification, be required to take the literacy test? Vote: 0-8-2 No
- c) If a subject matter test is required by DOE, should ABE teachers using the streamlining option, w/2,400 hours of ABE teaching experience but who do not have a current pre-K-12 certification, be required to take the subject matter test? Vote: 0-8-2 No
- d) Should teachers using the streamlining option be required to fulfill practica requirements? Vote: 1-9 No
- e) Inactive certifications: Committee would like information about inactive certifications from MDOE in writing.

3) Assessing Proficiency

Tabled for next meeting

4) Preparation for Upcoming Meetings

Next Meetings: 4/18/00 from 9:30-12:30 p.m., Worcester A.L.C.

4/26/00 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., at DOE

5/4/00 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., at CareerWorks (if needed)