

ABE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes 4/26/00

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

Members Absent: K. Skinner, L. Soricone, 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

2) Practica Requirements:

- Does the Committee support the existence that a practica for ABE teachers not using either of the streamlining tracts?

- Vote: Unanimous

- Are we keeping all options open (e.g. in-service option, district based, K-12 model)?

- Vote: 8-0-2

Populations of teachers identified as needing practica experience:

1) New teachers

2) Teachers with no certification

3) Experienced teachers with less than 5-years (2,400 teaching contact hours) ABE experience

3) Bachelor's Degree Requirements:

- An "equivalent" to a bachelor's degree not found
- Waivers of the bachelor's degree requirements are available by the Commissioner for exceptional candidates
- The Committee recommends requiring either a bachelor's or a master's degree: Vote: 8-2
- As part of its commitment to professional development, the Department will support teachers who do not have a bachelor's and help them to find a way to pursue a college degree.

4) Interim Report:

Draft presented to the Advisory Committee for discussion.

- Put "DRAFT" at the top of the page
- Add a comment form using the headings
- Form of certification:
 - delete "the notion of specialty and separate certifications are not entirely off of the table"
- Preliminary requirements: should this section address the Department's making a commitment to teacher's without a bachelor's degree? (See language from above.) Vote: Unanimous
- Bachelor's or master's; make consistent with today's votes
- Competencies: Add language about how many were included in last draft v. how many in this draft
- Routes to teacher certification add "master's"
- In-service practica requirements: make consistent with today's votes.
- Competency section: we haven't addressed how the competencies will be demonstrated; blank out the Sample Evidence column and put foot note
- Add a section on "remaining challenges" that still need to be answered page where there is room for discussion and further input on these issues: put the issue of how the competencies will be demonstrated; level of proficiency in subject matter areas

5) Preparation for Upcoming Meetings:

Next Meetings: 5/4/00 from 12:30-3:30 p.m., CareerWorks, Brockton
6/19/00 from 12-4 p.m., DOE, lunch will be provided