

Retired Position, No. 1 Biographies

ID #61 - Ms. Peggy Mobley is a retired educator with 42 years of experience. She holds a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Montevallo and a M.S. in Mathematics from Troy University. She is currently employed part-time with the Alabama Education Retirees Association as a membership coordinator for Area 3. Ms. Mobley has one daughter, Carrie Jackson Mitchell who is married to Jonny Mitchell. Both Carrie and Jonny are involved in public education. All four of her grandchildren have attended or are currently attending public schools in Alabama. She is currently a member of the National Education Association, Alabama Education Association, and the Alabama Education Retirees Association. She is president of the Covington County Education Retirees Association. Ms. Mobley has served 26 years as a member of the AEA Board of Directors; 8 of those years as AEA President and Vice President.

ID #62 - Dr. Robert Kies has served education with Alabama and Georgia school districts for over thirty years and industry for over a decade. His career began with teaching elementary education, and, subsequently, grades 6-12 challenged and gifted. After serving administration at all school district levels, most notably as principal of two K-12 schools, he transitioned into a nuclear power generation training center (Columbia, AL), assigned to coursework quality control and project studies for licensed nuclear control room operators. Kies also served as adjunct professor (Troy University) helping train the next generation of Alabama educators. He holds a B.S. in elementary education (Troy University), M.S. in Special Education (Troy University), and a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Planning (University of Alabama), with dissertation focused on School District Money Management. He completed post-doctoral coursework at the University of West Georgia. Other achievements include: Author of *The School System Master Planning Guide, A Superintendent's Organizational Manual*; dissertation, *A Survey of Alabama Money Management Programs and a Suggested Guide for School Districts*; President of Troy University Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity; President of Troy University Graduate Student Council; certified administrator and teacher, Alabama and Georgia; Georgia Praxis completed.

ID #63 - Dr. Gerald W. Johnson currently serves on the Alabama Education Retirees Association Board of Directors and the Auburn University Retirees Association Board of Directors. He was Director of the AEA Capital Survey Research Center for 18 years. He has a B. A. in Political Science and Economics from Marshall University and a M. A. and Ph. D. from the University of Tennessee. Dr. Johnson's civic record includes: President of Auburn United Way; Board of Directors of Auburn Rotary Club and Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform; Auburn City Board of Education (President); and Auburn Planning Commissioner. A graduate of Leadership Alabama, he is a past member and officer of national and state professional associations and honor societies, including gubernatorial appointee to the Education Commission of the States. He is a recipient of the Auburn Rotary Club Tenets of Rotary Award for Education Leadership, Phi Delta Kappa Outstanding Education Leadership Award and the Pi Sigma Alpha Outstanding Professor Award. In 2014, he was awarded the Wilfred S. Bailey Award for contributions to Alabama education retirees.

ID #64 - Dr. Gerald Waldrop member of the TRS Board (1992-96), Postsecondary Position, retired from Gadsden State Community College with 34 years of service as Instructor of History and Political Science. His career began at Jefferson State and he later taught adjunct for JSU and UA in Gadsden. Dr. Waldrop received his B.A. in History and Political Science from JSU; MA in History from UA and LL.D. from Troy University. He did post graduate work at the Universities of Mississippi and Minnesota. He is a proud member of NEA, AEA and AERA. He served as AEA State President (1984-85) and was the first person from Postsecondary to hold that position. In 1970, Dr. Waldrop was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives (Etowah County), serving on Health and Education Committees. Voters of Etowah and Cherokee Counties elected Waldrop to the State Senate (District 10) where he was Chair of Business and Labor and a member of the Finance and Taxation Committee. He was charter President of the Kiwanis Club of Helena and served as Governor of the Alabama District of Kiwanis International (2006-07). His wife, Callie, and he belong to the First UMC of Jacksonville.

ID #65 - Mrs. Sharon Pickett Saxon served on the Teachers' Retirement Board of Control for 12 years from 1998 to 2010, which gave her valuable knowledge of the management and investment of Teachers' Retirement and PEEHIP funds. Her education and work experience have prepared her for this position with a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting from UAB and employment as Chief School Financial Officer in Tarrant, Mountain Brook, Pell City, and Fairfield for over 32 years. She has served as President and Vice President of the local AEA and worked as a recruiter for the Alabama Education Association in the Jefferson County area. Mrs. Saxon is the secretary for the Jefferson County Education Retirees Association and for the Jefferson County Silver Haired Legislators.

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ID #66 - Mrs. Anita Gibson is a 27-year, award-winning educator who has served the members of her professional association as a member of the AEA Board of Directors; the NEA Board of Directors; the Association of Classroom Teachers Board of Directors; ACT Vice President and President; two terms as AEA Vice President and two terms as AEA President. She has taught all subjects in grades K through 5 at some point in her career. She holds an Associate Degree from Northeast Alabama Community College, a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Jacksonville University, and a master's in elementary education from the University of Alabama. Mrs. Gibson is the recipient of the 2002 AEA Teaching Excellence Award, the 2002 National Horace Mann/NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, and a top 5 finalist for the National Education Teaching Excellence Award, 2003 North Alabama Girl Scouts Woman of Distinction - Outstanding Educator Award, June 2003 JSU "Gem of the Hills" Alumni Spotlight and was inducted into the 2004 Who's Who Among America's Outstanding Teachers. Mrs. Gibson is an experienced professional development workshop presenter on the local, state and national levels and is a strong advocate for public education, active and retired educators and the children they serve.

ID #67 - Mrs. Melissa Nannini was born and raised in Shelby County. She obtained both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Montevallo and completed additional postgraduate work at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She began working at Montevallo Elementary School in Shelby County in the fall of 1973 as a classroom teacher and retired in 2004 as principal of Calera Elementary School, also in Shelby County. Following her retirement, Mrs. Nannini was able to do limited work with the Alabama Reading Initiative as a leadership coach. This allowed her to gain a broader perspective of public education across the state of Alabama. She continues to work in various part-time capacities within Alabama public schools, and makes every effort to stay informed on current issues and ideas relating to public education both at state and national levels. Mrs. Nannini is married with two grown daughters and lives in Coosa County on Lake Mitchell.

ID #68 - Mr. John Mark Campbell was hired in July of 1987 in the facilities and operations department of UAH. He took advantage of the tuition assistance program and briefly attended a degree program in engineering but later switched to a technical program. He graduated from J.F. Drake State Technical College in 1997 with a diploma in HVAC technology. During the latter part of his career, Mr. Campbell completed training in the building automation field and maintained the facility energy management system. Before retiring in 2014, he was able to upgrade most of the major buildings at a significant cost savings to the university. He has a wife, Donna that he married in 1997 and two children. Joshua is a sophomore at Buckhorn High School and Savannah is an 8th grader at Buckhorn Middle School.

ID #69 - Dr. Sidney L. Brown graduated from Tuskegee University with a B.S. degree and became a teacher and coach at Wilcox Central High School. He proceeded to Iowa State University to pursue a doctorate of philosophy in education. Upon graduation from ISU, he returned home to Alabama to teach at Booker T. Washington High School in Tuskegee. Next, he became the State Director of Career Technical Education for DYS. He then proceeded to work for the Montgomery Public Schools and assisted in the creation of the Brewbaker Technical High School. He became a turnaround principal at Anniston High School. Dr. Brown began his post-secondary career at Alabama State University as a Professor and Director of Off-Campus Programs. He proceeded to Auburn University Montgomery as an Associate Professor of Instructional Leadership where he retired. The capstone of his fifteen-year post-secondary teacher career was: more than 200 of his former students have gone on to obtain positions of leadership as assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Finally, he has served on local, state, and regional committees, chaired boards of directors, and currently he serves as Chair of the Deacon Board at Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church.

ID #70 - Dr. Eddie Britton is a life-long member of the Alabama Education Association, NEA, and now the Alabama Education Retirees Association. He has served as an officer multiple times and also served as a member of the Legislative Contact Team. He was also a member of the AEA Strategic Planning Committee and a charter member of the AEA Administrator Division Steering Committee. Dr. Britton holds an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Samford University and B.S., M.A., and Ed.S. degrees from the University of North Alabama. He retired after 32 years, having served the last 21 years as principal of Belgreen High School (K-12). He also served as President of the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals; as State Coordinator to the National Association of Secondary School Principals for six years; and as Chairperson of NASSP Region 8 (Southeastern States). In 2002, Dr. Britton was recognized as Alabama Principal of the Year and in 2003 received the CLAS Outstanding Leadership award. Dr. Britton, age 62, is married to Kathy, his wife of 38 years. They have two children and four grandchildren. He is an active member of Belgreen United Methodist Church and is a member of the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee.