

# On the Move...

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## 2017 HEA Elections Information

The following Candidates have qualified to run for the positions listed. The elections will be held on March 6-8, 2017. Candidate information is on the reverse side of this newsletter.

### Candidates for President

Dawn Rayburn  
Deborah Hill  
Dollie Jackson

### Candidates for Secretary

Yolanda Bledsoe  
Seana Hurst

### Candidates for NEA Delegate— Certified—7 positions

David Belton  
Kathy Stone-Jeffries  
Robert Hodges  
Yolanda Bledsoe  
Bonnie Garrett  
Seana Hurst  
Deborah Hill  
Sharon Fletcher  
Chris Powell

The following Candidates are unopposed for these positions, and are elected for the 2017-18 school year:

### Vice President—Kecia Lambert

### Treasurer—Jennifer Prince

### NEA Delegate-Support

Elois Smart

Kecia Lambert

### AEA Delegate-Certified

David Belton

Robert Hodges

Heather Cleckler

Jennifer Prince

Seana Hurst

Wendy Clark

Deborah Hill

Sharon Fletcher

Rebecca Roth

Chris Powell

Bonnie Garrett

Yolanda Bledsoe

Kathy Stone-Jeffries

### AEA Delegate—Support

Elois Smart

Kecia Lambert

Deborah Terry

Michell Draper

Sandra Seldon

Henry Avanrenren

## **2017 Candidate Information**

### **Listed in alphabetical order**

**David Belton** – Candidate for NEA Delegate/Certified: Teaches at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary; Experience – 15 years served as treasurer and as a board member. Statement: “I would like to continue to serve HEA as a delegate to learn and participate in the issues that affect the teachers and ESP’s.”

**Yolanda Bledsoe** – Candidate for HEA Secretary & NEA Delegate/Certified: Teaches at Westlawn Middle; Experience – Statement: “HEA has a strong platform for the educational goals of it’s members. Building a good open line of communication with members should be a priority along with keeping them informed on issues/laws which affect their jobs.”

**Sharon Fletcher** – Candidate for NEA Delegate/Certified: Teaches at Academy for Academics and Arts; Experience – 22 years (building representative, board member, NEA Delegate, AEA Delegate). Statement – “I will continue to support educators, support workers, and students in the fight for education reform.”

**Bonnie Garrett** - Candidate for NEA Delegate/Certified: Teaches at Westlawn Middle; Experience – HEA Board of Directors, AEA Minority Leadership Team, AEA Women’s Leadership Team, AEA Emerging Leader, AEA PR&R Commissioner, State and Local Delegate (RA). Statement: “I have been teaching for the past 16 years and during this time, I have been a steadfast member of HEA, AEA, and NEA. I have served the association in several capacities on The local, state, and national levels. I stand on a platform of righteousness and I believe in the equitable treatment of all individuals, so I humbly ask you to elect me to be your voice – a voice for what is right and equitable. Thank you for your support!”

**Deborah Hill** – Candidate for HEA President & NEA Delegate/Certified: Teaches at Highlands Elementary; Experience – President, Vice-President – 2 yrs., Building Representative – 22 yrs., NEA Delegate, AEA Delegate – 20 yrs., Emerging Leader, Legislative Contact Team. Statement: “I want to continue to promote a positive change for all public education employees and specific interest placed on creating and maintaining a safe working environment for our educators.”

**Robert Hodges** – Candidate for NEA Delegate/Certified: Teachers at Whitesburg P-8; Experience – Member since 2000, served on the HEA Board of Directors one term, Building Representative for HEA. Statement: “Support HEA membership growth and considering the concerns of the members.”

**Seana Hurst** – Candidate for HEA Secretary & NEA Delegate/Certified: Teaches at Williams P-8; Experience – 7 years as an active member and HEA Building Representative, 3 years as an AEA delegate, 1 year as NEA Delegate. Statement: “I will continue to advocate, educate, and be a voice for all of my colleagues.”

**Dollie Jackson** – Candidate for HEA President: Teaches at Sonnie Hereford Elementary School; Experience – HEA Board of Directors, HEA Budget Committee, NEA Delegate, Building representative – 26 years. Statement: “Whether morning, noon or night, I will always do the right thing for the organization. In the same way, I will move from duty to delight to do what I need to for all members in the organization.”

**Chris Powell** – Candidate for NEA Delegate/Certified: Teaches at Ridgecrest Elementary; Experience – HEA building representative for 15 years., also have served as an AEA representative for over 7 years. Statement – “I want to continue to help fellow educators know their rights. I believe that all members should be kept aware of the laws or implementations that could affect their jobs in one form or another.”

**Dawn Rayburn** – Candidate for HEA President: Teaches at Chapman P-8; Experience – HEA/AEA/NEA member – 18 yrs., Building Representative – 10 yrs., AEA Delegate – 4 yrs., HEA Board of Directors – 1 yr. Statement: “These are exciting times for Huntsville City Schools. With a new Superintendent at the helm, we have the opportunity as an organization to make a positive difference for both teachers and students. We can work together boldly to bring the best practices of our past and of today together to build a strong and bright future. Having been in Huntsville City Schools for 17 years, I know the past, lived through the transition and embrace our current advancements. I have served for 10 years as a building representative, 4 times as an AEA Delegate and a year as a board member. Having worked in the classroom and as a counselor, I have a unique perspective to bring to the position of President. I look forward to leading the organization on your behalf into the future.

**Kathy Stone-Jeffries** – Candidate for NEA Delegate/Certified: Teacher at J.E. Williams P-8; Experience – Building Representative at Morris Elem, Williams P-8, AEA Delegate, NEA Delegate, Leadership Conference, several Professional Development Conferences. Statement: “Whether it is HEA, AEA or NEA our teacher associations are needed now more than ever. There are so many political programs being pushed into our schools. We as teachers need to work together to help our students and our school systems. We need to be aware of what is going on and share this information with all teachers.”