



District Director Nomination Form

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Nominated by:

Years on the school board: 12

Academy status: Master Level

Occupation: Dyslexia Education Director

Other positions/information (optional): served as the AASB Literacy Task Force

representative (2019-2025), member of 2023 Nominating Committee, Presenting at

AASB fall 2022 conference, served as Pres or Vice Pres for 9 years with local board

Nominated by: School Board:

Permission for Nomination Form *
(if not self-nominated)

I, _____, give my permission to be nominated for district director.

Name

Date

* Completion of permission form is not necessary for self-nominations.

If you do not receive confirmation of your nomination from AASB in three business days, please resubmit the nomination and contact the AASB office. AASB will recognize the initial date of submission upon verification.

Dear Fellow School Board Members,

I am honored to ask for your support as I seek the opportunity to continue to represent **District 9 on the Alabama Association of School Boards Board of Directors.**

As I enter my twelfth year as a member of the Boaz City School Board, I have developed an even greater appreciation for the important role local school boards play in the success of our schools. For nine of those years, I have had the privilege of serving as either President or Vice President (currently serving). These experiences have taught me that effective leadership begins with **listening, collaboration, responsible stewardship, and a willingness to advocate for what our schools and students need.**

During my tenure, I have worked alongside my fellow board members and superintendent to help maintain a strong financial position for our school system, support meaningful professional development and instructional resources, and promote initiatives that have contributed to improvements in our state report card. Today, I am also involved in one of the most significant projects our system has undertaken—the planning and development of a new high school that will serve our students and community for generations to come.

Through these experiences, I have learned that while every school system is unique, we share many of the same challenges. We are expected to be responsible stewards of public resources, support academic achievement, recruit and retain excellent educators, respond to the needs of our communities, plan for the future, and above all, make decisions that place students first.

That is why I believe **school board members need a strong voice and a strong advocate.**

If elected to the AASB Board of Directors, I will work to be that voice for the school boards of District 9. I will listen to your concerns, learn about the challenges facing your individual systems, celebrate your successes, and ensure that the perspectives of our district are represented. At the same time, I will advocate for strong public schools and effective local governance throughout Alabama.

I have personally benefited from the training and resources provided by AASB and have achieved **Master Level recognition.** I understand firsthand how valuable quality training is to a board member. Well-informed, well-trained board members are better prepared to ask the right questions, make sound decisions, work effectively with their superintendents, and serve their communities.

My commitment to education extends beyond my local board. I currently serve on the **Alabama International Dyslexia Association Board of Directors** and as **National Vice President of Academic Affairs for the Academic Language Therapist Association Board of Directors.** Professionally, I serve as a Dyslexia Education Director for a nonprofit organization. My career has included more than three decades of experience across private, public, and supplemental education, giving me the opportunity to see education from many different perspectives.

However, regardless of the role I have held, one principle has remained constant: **our decisions must ultimately serve students.**

I believe AASB is strongest when local board members are connected, informed, supported, and represented. As your District 9 director, I would be committed not simply to holding a position, but to **serving as a resource, advocate, and representative for you and your school system.**

I would be honored to earn your support and to work alongside you to strengthen school board leadership, protect the important role of local governance, advocate for Alabama's public schools, and continue building educational opportunities for every student in our state.

Thank you for your service to your local school system and for considering me to serve as your representative on the AASB Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Smith