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**To:** Kim Roney <kimroney@avlcouncil.com>  
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Thanks, Kim. I was a parent and a teacher in the ACS. I understood the history of having an appointed School Board was to make sure that there was Black representation on it that an elected board might not guarantee. For years, I was part of committees and seminars that explored how to do better by our students of color. However, I have always thought that an elected board, more accountable to the community was the better way to go while working to encourage inclusion of all 'stake holders' in the voting process. Back then, there was also no 'official' teachers' organization. Teachers had little 'voice.' I'm glad to see there is one now. When I taught at Dickson, I joined the NCAE. I was non-renewed after my 3rd year. I sued the school board. The 'win' was that the Board would no longer be able to claim 'sovereign immunity' from prosecution when the challenge was statutory. I later became one of the founders of Francine Delany New School for Children, the county's first charter school that **deliberately** located within the city limits in order to be 'under' the court school de-segregation order. We worked very hard to encourage black families to enroll. When I went to the 20 year anniversary of the school, I deliberately went up to families of color to ask what they thought of the school and it was wonderful to hear how happy they were. I think FDNCS is a hidden gem in this community and the traditional public schools and the Board would do well to learn how they have succeeded in ways I have not seen ACS be able to. This may be changing as I've been out of the field for two decades now. In ways, the charter school was more accountable to the kids and families, as it did not have a 'captive audience.' It had to show positive outcomes to have a student body. Thanks for all you do! Anne

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On Tue, Mar 16, 2021 at 1:15 PM Kim Roney <[kimroney@avlcouncil.com](mailto:kimroney@avlcouncil.com)> wrote:

Anne,

I appreciate your taking time to lift up the names of applicants endorsed by the Asheville Association of Educators.

Next Tuesday morning, March 23rd, we will conduct interviews with the 7 applicants who have been advanced to the final round. Jacquelyn is among those who will be interviewed. As a matter of procedure, Council may vote for any of the 15 applicants remaining at our Council meeting on the evening of the 23rd.

With Gratitude,  
Kim

On Sun, Mar 14, 2021 at 12:35 PM Anne Craig <[info@email.actionnetwork.org](mailto:info@email.actionnetwork.org)> wrote:

Kim Roney,

Dear Asheville City Council Members,

As a member of the Asheville City Schools community, I am invested in your decision of school board appointments. I feel it is important that educators' voices be given strong consideration as you deliberate on the choices before you. Asheville Association of Educators (ACAE) has

the best interest of educators and students in mind when endorsing these candidates. We believe ACS will be strengthened by a school board that is open to two way communication with the stakeholders they represent. I support the Asheville Association of Educators' and Buncombe County Association of Educators' endorsement of Libby Kyles, Jacquelyn Carr McHargue, and Pepi Acebo.

Thank you,

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“I wonder how the foreign policies of the United States would look if we wiped out the national boundaries of the world, at least in our minds, and thought of all children everywhere as our own.” — Howard Zinn