



PROFILE

DENISE McCOWAN - ECASB President



Denise has volunteered for the ECASB organization as both the Treasurer and the Vice President over the last few years prior to being tapped to serve as the President of the organization. She hopes to continue to serve and help the organization grow.

Denise McCowan has served as the ECASB Treasurer and the Vice President of Erie County Association of School Boards. She has served on various committees at ECASB and has been awarded the Rising Star and Shining Star awards.

In 2008, Denise McCowan was appointed to the Cheektowaga-Sloan USFD Board of Education when a Board Member resigned. After serving for close to a year on the board, she decided to run for the Board in the next School Board election. Ms. McCowan had been active in the PTO and the Sports Clubs within the district and felt that she could contribute in a positive way to do more for the school, the students, and the Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD. Denise has been involved with several committees on the local school board level including interview committees, audit committees and superintendent searches.

Denise is a graduate of West Seneca East Senior High School, and has an Associates Degree in Fashion Merchandising from Cazenovia College, a Bachelor's Degree from Buffalo State College in Apparel Design, and an Associate Degree in Textile Development and Design from the Fashion Institute of Technology.

She currently works in a law office and has much experience managing a family business.

Denise and her husband, Bill, have been married and living in Cheektowaga for over 32 years. Denise is the proud mother of Sean, and proud step-mother of Ryan and Jenny. Her son Sean currently works for the Cheektowaga Recreation Department, so the family is very active in the Cheektowaga community. Her step son, Ryan lives in Florida and works for Disney. Her step daughter Jenny lives in Texas and is employed with Geico. Each of her step children have a son who she enjoys visiting as much as possible when she can find time to get away for vacations.

Denise is active in the community as Vice President of the William Street Tax Payers Association and she serves as a judge for the NYS DECA Competition. She had served on the Cheektowaga Recreation Committee, however that ended just before the COVID pandemic.

Denise's favorite ECASB events include the Speed Boarding events where she is able to learn about 4-5 different and unique topics all in one evening, Dessert Forums with outstanding and distinguished presenters, and the annual WNY Law Conference which is sponsored by both ECASB and the Western New York Educational Council. Denise is looking forward to serving the ECASB organization in the leadership role.