



# PROFILE

## DENISE McCOWAN - ECASB Vice President



***"When I am not involved in Board activities or volunteering in the community, I enjoy working out, gardening, traveling to Florida and Texas to see my grandsons and going to Disney."***

Denise McCowan was appointed to the Cheektowaga-Sloan USFD Board of Education in 2008 when a Board Member Resigned. When she found out that there was a vacancy, she approached the Board and expressed an interest in helping to deal with the many issues the school community was facing. She 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 district.

Since October 2008, Denise has been involved with several committees on the local school board level including interview committees, audit committees and superintendent searches. In addition, she has served as the liaison to the ECASB organization by serving on the Delegate Assembly Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee and the Legislative Committee prior to serving as the ECASB Treasurer for two years.

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 as a Legal Assistant with Bernhardt Law Office and has much experience managing a family business, "Complete Communications" which was sold several years ago.

Denise and her husband, Bill, have been married and living in Cheektowaga for 30 years. Denise is the proud mother of Sean, and proud stepmother of Ryan and Jen-

ny. Her son Sean will be pursuing a 4 year degree in the fall. He is currently a substitute teacher in the Cheektowaga-Sloan school district and coaches JV Basketball and Grade 9 Baseball for the high school. He is the Gym Director for the Alexander Summer Day Camp program. Her step children, Ryan lives in Florida and works for Disney, and her step daughter Jenny lives in Texas and is employed with Geico. Each of her step children have one son. She enjoys visiting her family as often as she can especially her grandsons.

Denise is active in the community as Vice President of the William Street Tax Payers Association and serves as a judge for the NYS DECA Competition as well as having served on the Town of Cheektowaga Youth and Recreation Committee.

Denise's favorite ECASB events include the Speed Boarding events, Dessert Forums and the annual WNY Law Conference. Denise attends many of the ECASB programs and has been awarded the ECASB Rising Star, Shining Star and Medallion Club Awards.

***Denise likes to be involved and help others. She states "I would rather help plan and work at the party, then be the guest at the party." That vision has worked well for Denise as she has been able to be a "team player" on the board, work with the Superintendent, to bring about improvements in technology and move the districts vision for 21st Century Learning.***