



Lynn Kaufman, Communication & Information Chair

EXCEL project

Several improvements were made to the District facilities over the summer through the Expanding our Children's Education and Learning (EXCEL) capital improvement project. The majority of the work was completed prior to the students arriving back to school. All remaining changes should be able to be implemented without impacting students.

The heat pumps at the Chenango Bridge Elementary School were delivered in late September. A few items are scheduled for October in the Middle School/High School, such as the interior/exterior doors in the pool area and the retrofitting of 16 fan coils/exterior outside air dampers.

Rob Warholic, the Architect from Clark, Patterson Lee, Design Professionals, is scheduled to give a Project Completion Status Report at the October Board of Education meeting.

BOE reorganizational meeting

The annual Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting was held on July 7, 2009. **Ms. Maureen Roberts, Mr. James Penwell, and Mr. James DeGennaro** accepted the Oath of Office. Mr. Penwell was elected to serve as president and Mr. Vail was elected to serve as vice-president for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board members would like to thank Mr. Penwell and Mr. Vail for their continued contribution in these leadership positions.

Scoreboard approved

On August 19, the Board approved an \$11,000 donation by the **Cashman Family** to purchase an electronic scoreboard to be erected on the varsity softball field which will be developed on the GSA-Depot property the District plans to acquire.

The donation was given in memory of **Susan Cashman Botting**. The Board extends its appreciation to the Cashman family for this generous donation to the CV District.

Transformation of Education Center

The District Offices have now been reconfigured to a more permanent and professional area. The offices for the superintendent, assistant superintendent, and business manager, as well as their support personnel, are now where the High School/Middle School offices were previously located. The Special Education Department has relocated to the first floor with the other District-level departments.

These adjustments were made to improve business operations, secretarial support, phone coverage, service to the community, and the overall flow of the District office arrangements.

Additionally, this reconfiguration will allow building-level administration to be located closer to their respective areas of responsibility. The main office for the High School has been moved to the high school, with Principal Reich's and Assistant Principal Attleson's offices located near the auditorium. The office of the Middle School principal, Mr. Gill, is now located near the Middle School cafeteria.

Restructuring changes also are being made in the Transportation Department. Transportation Supervisor Christopher Fairbairn and Head Bus Driver Christine Viegard, have been updating the appearance of the bus garage offices. In addition, they are working on installing and implementing new software to assist with bus-routing strategies and record-keeping issues. These restructuring changes have been implemented as a result of citations received by the District from the Department of Motor Vehicles. The Board is confident these changes will enhance and strengthen the Transportation Department.