

School board sells Lindbom to boost district funding

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As of December 13th, Lindbom Elementary School will no longer be a hole in the district's wallet. The sale of the school for \$1.35 million to the Robertson Brothers, who plan to build 46 homes on their new property, will assist in financing the school district.

"It's nice to check this off the list of things to take care of this year," Superintendent Greg Gray said.

The money will be going into the district's general funds, which will help pay for everything in the schools. Electricity bills, staff paychecks, everything that the district pays for, it will be assisted by the sale. Another plus to this in financial terms is that the 46 houses should also bring some more students into the town, which will increase funding for the schools, which as of the 2011-2012 school year received about eight thousand dollars per student.

But all these houses won't only help the school district. All these additional people moving into Brighton will be visiting the local businesses, which should prove to be a slight economic boost for the downtown businesses, and the areas around it, too.

Robertson Brothers Company has

been building houses since 1945, starting off building small homes for veterans coming home from World War II; in the Berkley and Royal Oak area. Over time, they continued to expand to Bloomfield Hills and Troy, Northville and Ann Arbor, South Lyon and Canton, and a bulk of their housing in Clarkston.

When the Robertson Brothers initially put an offer on the table, the district was not ready to give an answer. After some time, there was another offer, being that would Lindbom become a charter school. The school board discussed this, and decided that the better option of the two would be the Robertson Brothers, which would have a higher financial benefit.

Though the sale of the building is great for the school district's budget, it will be the loss of a fond memory in many Brighton students and alumni's minds. Thousands of students have traveled the halls of the school, whose halls will not be roamed by children anymore. The school had a field in the back, used frequently for sporting events, such as lacrosse and SELCRA tee-ball. There was also a widely used playground that many local kids have spent countless hours on.

"I'm going to miss the Lindbom Coliseum; I played lacrosse there for so long," junior Lukas Pulice said.



Chicapella members perform on stage.

Photo by Shannon Walsh

Choir and band rock the BCPA during their holiday assemblies

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BHS Band had their holiday concert on Thursday December 12th at 7:00 p.m in the BCPA. One day later, the BHS Choir and The Maltby 6th Grade Choir Club put on a holiday concert as well.

Band students played an assortment of holiday tunes ranging from classics such as "Silent Night", to modern favorites like "What's This" from the movie *A Nightmare Before Christmas*.

Songs that were performed during the Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit were also played at the concert. Along with holiday hits, "Jingle All the Way" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year".

"Band season isn't over yet. We still

have half a year left to play and have fun," senior Casey Campbell said.

The band director, Gabrielle Hoffman, began to choke up after the encore performance of "Sleigh Ride". "It's bittersweet because I was looking forward to that encore song for four years, and now, it's just sad because it's over and I don't have it to look forward to anymore," senior Macy Mederski said.

Senior Hannah Loisele and junior Julia Moffa kicked off the yearly Brighton Choirs Holiday Concert with "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" a powerful duet with strong vocals.

Special guests from The Maltby 6th Grade Choir Club performed three Christmas songs including "Twelve Groovy Nights" a new spin on the classic, "Twelve Days of Christmas".

Songs were performed by Viva-

ce, Chamber Choir, the Chicapellas, Advanced Women's Ensemble, Note-torius, Bel Canto, and Concert Choir, along with duets and solo performances. Chicapella and Note-torius pleased the crowd with unique remixes on popular holiday music like "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Winter Song" and "Rooftop!".

The final song of the night was an emotional performance of "All is Well" done by a combination of all choirs and returning BHS Choir Alumnis that were invited to join hands with the soon-to-be graduating seniors.

"I could still remember all the words even though I was in choir four years ago. It was so great singing with all my friends again," Choir Alumni Emma Bednarczyk said.

Vending machines made smart



Vending machines keep up with the times. Photo by Connor Zebley

Along with many other nutritious additions to the school, BHS added two new vending machines. The significance of this is that they are a healthy alternative to the other vending machines, but still have delicious chips, protein bars and drinks like lemonade, cream soda, and root beer, all made with real sugar. The organic cane sugar replaces the chemical sugar. They aren't considered health drinks, but they are better for students than chemicals, and taste much better. The machines also have more sustainable items like energy bars and chips. Another feature is the ability to use credit cards so that students that don't have small bills, but have a debit or credit card, can still use the vending machines. These represent some of the many changes seen at Brighton High.

Bond and Board Update

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November 25th- The meeting began with the call to the public, there were many participants in this call to the public, because people were not happy with one of the issues that was on the table. That issue was the sale of Lindbom. There was already an offer on the table by the Robertson's Brothers Homes. It had looked like there was going to be a deal made with them, to build 46 homes on the property, but people were thrown for a twist when four of the seven board members turned down the offer. It was later discovered that the reason for this was there was another offer on the table. The offer was made by outspoken republican, Pasquale Battaglia to start a charter school at Lindbom. Many were not happy with the boards decision to even consider the other offer. Many personal attacks were brought into the matter on board members and Battaglia when during the call to the public; Battaglia's twitter account

was brought into the mix. Battaglia had tweeted many offensive things about Democrats, the government, the president and even Muslims in general.

The call to public definitely showed which way the community was pointing regarding the issue at hand. When the vote was called, the board decided to follow the community and go with the Robertson's Brothers home as plan A and use the charter school as plan B. With this deal, if the Robertson's Brothers back out, the Charter school has 48 hours to respond if they still want the school. If they do, then they will sell the school to them. This was the recommendation of Superintendent, Dr. Greg Gray.

Bond- The updates from the bond will be slowing down for the year. There will just be some tweaking of the updates that are already in place, such as the moving of the TVs in the hallways.

The pool, is about 99% done with the design. Hopefully we will be seeing the new pool start coming together over the summer.

The Lowdown

January 9-10:
 Drama class play

January 14-16:
 Sip-n-Study

January 20:
 No school

January 21-23:
 Exams

January 24:
 No school/
 end of 1st semester

January 30:
 Senior hall decorating

January 31:
 Winterfest game

