

Building & Grounds Report

January 2026

Below are projects that have been completed or are currently being worked on since the last board report.

- The phone system that we had in place was obsolete and no longer worked with some google features. The phone system has been upgraded to a new platform using the existing phones. This has added new features to the system with voicemail and email. It has also given me the ability to remote into the system if something needs to be addressed or changes need to be made after hours.
- We had a bad sewer smell in the Cougar Center that was traced back to a broken pipe inside the wall behind the men's restroom. A section of the wall was removed to replace the damaged pipe and the wall was patched and painted.
- We are still having issues with the exhaust system in the welding shop. It was originally supposed to have a damper installed that would open and close as the system was turned on. This was never installed and condensation built up in the system causing issues with the exhaust motor and water in the ventilation system. The water has been drained and EL Pruitt will be installing the damper per the original plans at no cost to the school.
- When the addition was built there was confusion between Ameren, EL Pruitt and KED when it came to the existing gas meter. The existing meter was not big enough to handle the added systems. This caused the gym unit to only be able to operate on the 1st stage of heating and all other units could not operate at full capacity. The meter has been relocated and changed to the proper size. The cost was covered by Ameren and KED. All systems are now heating at full capacity.
- The geothermal unit in the STEM room has a bad blower motor and fan. This has been ordered and should be installed the week of Jan 12th. We are still trying to solve an issue with the unit in the PD room going into a lockout mode and not holding temp properly. I am currently working with EL Pruitt, KED, and ECSI. EL Pruitt is also contacting the manufacturer to get assistance in solving the issue.
- We had a ground fault issue in the Cougar Center fire system that was traced back to the HVAC unit behind the building. Shortly after it was installed there was a water leak issue in the fire system duct sensor components. This was resolved but the water that was in the conduit on the bottom loop was not blown out and the water had deteriorated the coating on the Cat6 cable causing the fault. This has been fixed and resealed.
- During winter break the crew went through the school and deep cleaned classrooms and hallways. They also went around and touched up paint in classrooms and hallways and changed filters in HVAC units.

- All garage doors at the bus garage have had routine maintenance done and are operating smoother and with less effort to raise and lower. A replacement panel has been ordered for one garage door that will be installed when it comes in. We have created a routine maintenance schedule for the future. Two light fixtures were also changed out in the garage.
- We have our annual Health Life Safety inspections this month. I will also be scheduling our annual fire alarm test this month.
- I found a few light switches and outlets in rooms that were not the correct amperage. We have checked every room in the building and made a list of outlets and switches that need to be changed. I am in the process of changing them out.
- Purchased and installed a new dryer for the FACS room.