Info from Iowa Outdoors

Iowa State Parks Open Doors to More

Accessible Adventures

DES MOINES - As the seasons shift and cooler days set in, a new DNR web page makes it easier to explore outdoor experiences that are accessible to

Iowa's Accessible Outdoors highlights locations across the state where visitors can enjoy accessible activities like trails, fishing piers, playgrounds, picnic areas, scenic views and overnight stays. Each experience has been reviewed in person by DNR staff to ensure there are accessible pathways, nearby parking, and—in most cases-restrooms.

"The Accessible Outdoors web page is an open invitation to explore state parks in new ways—whether it's a walking trail surrounded by fall colors, a lakeshore picnic, or a scenic overlook with a view," said Andrew Place, asset manager with the Parks, Forests and Preserves Bureau.

descriptions of each attraction and its amenities, and the list of locations and recreational activities will continue to grow as more parks are evaluated.

Visitors are encouraged to contact park staff before their trip with questions, requests for special accommodations, or ideas for improving accessibil-

For more information, visit www.iowadnr.gov/things-do/ iowas-accessible-outdoors. Media Contact: Andrew Place,

Andrew.Place@dnr. iowa.gov

Late summer cattail and floatingleaved plant control for ponds

Have the cattails in your pond taken over your favorite fishing spot or crowded you from one side of the dock or swimming area?

Late summer or early fall

The site provides detailed is the best time to manage cattails, America Lotus, water lilies and other emergent or floating-leaved plants that are on the pond's edge or are above the water. Spraying certain herbicides this time of year will eliminate the whole plant, and it will not regrow next spring. There is little risk of depleting the oxygen in the pond with treating these plants; they dieback every year at this time and decompose slowly over the coming months.

Starting in late summer, these plants move food to their roots to survive the winter, making systemic herbicides most effective. The most common active ingredient to use is glyphosate (a few brand names with labels for aquatic use include Aqua Neat, Aqua Pro, Aquamaster, GlyphoMate 41, Rodeo, and RoundUp Custom). Find these at local hardware, farm supply or garden stores or try an online search for "aquatic glyphosate."

A surfactant or spreadersticker must be added to many

of these herbicides to allow it to stick to the plant's leaves. Read the label and check with your local or online retailer to select a surfactant that you can use in ponds. Spray the above-water part of the plant until just wet (not dripping) and

follow instructions on the

product label.

When you compare product brands, consider the amount of active ingredient, if a surfactant is needed, and size of the container. A product with a higher amount of active ingredient or one that does not need a surfactant added may provide a better value. The convenience of a ready-to-use (RTU) product that you do not have to mix or add a surfactant may out-

Media Contact: Jason Euchner, Fisheries Biologist, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-230-4789.

weigh price considerations.

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Sibley-Ocheyedan CSD is accepting applications for

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- JH Girls' Volleyball Coach
- Strength & Conditioning Coordinator •
 - HS Boys' Wrestling **Assistant Coach** •
- HS Girls' Wrestling **Assistant Coach** •
- JH Girls' Wrestling Coach
- JH Boys' Wrestling Coach
- JH Girls' Basketball Coach

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Positions Open Until Filled

Letter of Application/Resume to: 120-11th Ave NE, Sibley, IA, 51249 712-754-2533 EOE

S-O schedule

Thursday, September 4: JH/MS girls'/boys' cross country at Brooks Golf Club; JV/V, girls'/boys' cross country Brooks Golf Club; JVR/ JV/V volleyball at Akron Westfield.

Friday, September 5: 7:00 p.m., varsity football, Gehlen Catholic, home.

Monday, September 8: 4:00 p.m., varsity volleyball, G-LR, away; JVR football at West Sioux.

Tuesday, September 9: 7th/8th football, Western Christian, home; 4:30 p.m., JH girls'/boys' cross country, home; JVR/JV/V volleyball, Gehlen Catholic, home; JV/V girls'/boys' cross country, home.

H-LP schedule

Thursday, September 4: 4:20 p.m., cross country at Brooks Golf Club; 5:00 p.m., HS volleyball, Trinity Christian, home.

Friday, September 5: 12:50 p.m., early dismissal for Teacher PD; 7:00 p.m., varsity football at home, Dance Team at half-time.

Monday, September 8: 4:00 p.m., varsity volleyball at G-LR.

Tuesday, September 9: FFA Fair Day at CCF, Spencer; 4:30 p.m., cross country at Sibley Golf Course; 5:00 p.m., HS volleyball at George.



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S-O school board minutes Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District Board of

Directors' Meeting 08/18/2025, 5:30 p.m.,, HS Library Voting Members: Mr. Greg Atherton, Vice President,

Mr. Jamie Arend, Board Member, Mrs. Kristen Beyer, Board Member (joined electronically), Mrs. Laurel Klaassen, Board

Non-Voting Members; Mrs. Kindra Reiter, Board Secretary, Mr. Stan De Zeeuw, Superintendent, Mr. Casey Hertz, 5-12 Principal, Mr. Kent De Zeeuw, Elementary Principal,

Visitors: Jaden Kleinhesselink, Abby Pena, Destinee Mar-, Carly Ward, Carly vonRentzell, Julie Schuller

Press: Sandra Jenson, Gazette Call-To-Order

Laurel Klaassen. President of the board, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Approval

Board president called for a motion to approve the agenda as published.

Motion made by: Mr. Greg Atherton Motion seconded by: Mr. Jamie Arend Voting: Unanimously Approved

5 School Board Basics

The board read the 5 School Board Basics. C. Sibley-Ochevedan Mission Statement Board president read the mission statement: At Sibley-

Ocheyedan Schools, we build partnerships to challenge minds, to invest in community, and to embrace life. Visitors

A. Public Forum None

4. Approval (Consent Items)

The consent items included the approval of:

Previous minutes, July transportation report; Activity, Nutrition, PPEL, Debt Service, Debt Service Sinking Fund, SAVE, and General Fund bank reconciliations; Bills scheduled for payment for General Fund \$210,385.14; Activity Fund \$16,955.58; Mgmt \$23,698.37; SAVE Fund \$1,301,451.72; PPFL Fund \$127,808,02: Debt Service \$0: Nutrition Fund \$2,416.61; Scholarship Fund \$0; Total \$1,682,715.44.

The total for all payments in July included: General Fund \$623,601.91; Activity Fund \$17,326.49; Mgmt Fund \$448,241.40; SAVE Fund \$1,806,471.02; PPEL Fund \$8,907.90; Debt Service \$0; Nutrition Fund \$38,880.60; Scholarship Fund \$0; Total \$2,943,429.32.

Anthony Andujar, 9th, In from HLP Teresa Chavez 2nd In from HI P Aiden Fothergill, 8th, In from GLR Christopher Julius, 2nd, In from GLR Lucas Julius, PK, In from GLR

Riley Dirks, 12th, Out to Iowa Virtual Academy at Clayton Ridge

Hailey Duis, TK, Out to Sheldon Resignation:

Creighton Cosgrove - MS Baseball Coach Conner Beltman - MS Baseball Coach Isaac Habben - HS JV Baseball Coach Bailey Fitch - Assistant Softball Bailey Fitch - JH Volleyball

Second Reading of Board Policies with changes: 104, 104e1, 104e2, 104e3, 211, 402.02, 402.03, 405.02, 411.02, 501.03, 501.09, 501.09r1, 505.05, 507.01, 603.01, & 603.05 Motion made by: Mr. Jamie Arend Motion seconded by: Mr. Greg Atherton Voting: Unanimously Approved

5. Discussion Items A. New Teacher Introductions

New staff Jaden Kleinhesselink, Destinee Martin, Carly Ward, Carly vonRentzell, and Abby Pena introduces them-

Review 2025-2026 Professional Development Plan Superintendent De Zeeuw reviewed the 2025-2026 professional development plan.

C. 2 Minute Board Policy and Finance Moment Superintendent De Zeeuw discussed the activity fund expenditures and revenue streams.

6. Administration Reports

A. Principals Elem. Principal/Curr. Director

Mr. Kent De Zeeuw reported on excitement for new year, Jump Start, construction, flex day, new staff, MTSS, math curriculum, and open house.

2. Secondary Principal Mr. Casey Hertz discussed start of new year, flex day, freshman orientation, homecoming week Sept 15-19, MTSS, intervention process, Success period at end of day, goals for

B. Superintendent Superintendent De Zeeuw discussed in-service, PD schedule, teaching positions filled, construction project, SAI 9th vote, thankful for staff being flexible with changes, school board election this fall.

Board Committees: Policy, Finance, Facilities Finance, Facilities, and Policy did not meet.

D. Recognition of Excellence Casey Hertz read the recognition of excellence

7. New Business Consider Approval of New Contracts

The board considered and approved the following new

contracts: Steve Lemke - JH Football coach Jakob Horstman - JH Football coach Nicole Rockman - Mentor Jackie Glade - Mentor Amy Renner - Mentor Amber Brinkhous - Mentor Daryl Tutje - Mentor Ryan Wiersma - Mentor Kelli Westphal - Mentor Kara Snyder - Mentor Lorena Arias - ELEM Para

Cherie White - Sub Spec Ed and PreK Driver Dalton Wingate - Assistant HS football coach Luke Jansma - MS Para

Motion made by: Mr. Greg Atherton Motion seconded by: Mr. Jamie Arend Voting: Unanimously Approved

B. Consider Letting Bids for Snow Removal Superintendent De Zeeuw recommended accepting bids for snow removal for 2025 to Spring 2028. This starts with the first snow in 2025. There are two different areas that we accept bids for: 1. Bus barn area; east of HS and MS; south, north, and east of Elementary; and HS/MS parking lot. 2. All elementary sidewalks, including playground sidewalks and basketball court, HS/MS sidewalks, and sidewalk from Elementary to HS/MS Complex, and sidewalk to south of MS.

Board president called for a motion to let bids for snow removal. Motion made by: Mr. Jamie Arend Motion seconded by: Mr. Grea Atherton

Voting: Unanimously Approved C. Consider Approval of payments to Site Logiq Board president called for a motion to approve payment to Site Logiq for services in our facility improvement project for \$7.105.00.

Motion made by: Mr. Greg Atherton Motion seconded by: Mr. Jamie Arend Voting: Unanimously Approved

D. Consider Approval of L&L Builders Pay Application #4 - Elem Project 2025 Board president called for a motion to approve pay ap-

plication #4 from L&L Builders for the 2025 Elementary con-

struction project in the amount of \$923,839.85. Motion made by: Mr. Greg Atherton Motion seconded by: Mr. Jamie Arend

Voting: Unanimously Approved

Voting: Unanimously Approved E. Consider Approval of L&L Builders Pay Application #3 - MS/HS Project 2025

Board president called for a motion to approve pay application #3 from L&L Builders for the 2025 MS/HS construction project in the amount of \$308,170.31. Motion made by: Mr. Jamie Arend Motion seconded by: Mr. Greg Atherton

F. Consider Approval of Copier Lease Bid Superintendent De Zeeuw presented the bids received for a new 36 month copier lease. Access Systems - \$19,884

A&B Systems - \$28,310 for option 1 and \$31,468 for option 2 Marco - \$18,475

Superintendent De Zeeuw and Tony Bevers recommended to approve the 36-month FMV Lease with Papercut print management software (36 month renewal) for a total of \$18,057.82 with Marco Systems. (\$402.39 month-36 months

Board president called for a motion to approve the Marco bid for the copier lease as presented.

Motion made by: Mr. Jamie Arend Motion seconded by: Mr. Greg Atherton

Voting: Unanimously Approved 8. Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code 21.2(1)e to Con-

sider Reinstatement of Expelled Student Motion by Atherton to enter closed session by the authority of Section 21.5(1)e of the open meetings law to consider reinstatement of an expelled student; seconded by Arend. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes."

The board entered closed session at 6:17 p.m. The board entered open session at 6:33 p.m.

Open Session to Consider Action based on Content of Motion by Atherton to approve the reinstatement of Stumembers present voting "yes." Motion carried 4-0. 10. Additional Items

September 10, 2025 Board Work Session, 5:30 pm HS

September 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 pm HS

October 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 pm HS Library

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11. Talking Points - New Staff

- Construction project progress 12. Motion to Adjourn Board president called for a motion to adjourn at 6:36 pm.

Motion made by: Mr. Jamie Arend Motion seconded by: Mr. Greg Atherton Voting: Unanimously Approved

Submitted by Kindra Reiter, Board Secretary

GENERAL JULY 2025 Aflac Traditional and Direct, Aflac Cancer..... Alliant Energy, Natural Gas - HS 2,091.42 Amazon Capital Services, Door Closers 822.69 Bales Tree Service, Remove limbs/trees/g..... . 1,662.50 Ben's Plumbing & Repair, Inc., Plumbing Repairs-Mop 195.64 BMI. Music License Fee Bow Tie Auto Repair, LLC, Labor-2012 Chrysler..... 1,942.72 C & B Operations LLC, JD Z997R Mower Repai..... 1,689.92 C & D Refrigeration, Ice Machine Repairs...... 1,015.24 CAM Community School District, Open Enrollment

CareerViewXR, VR School Annual Sub	14,100.0
Cooperative Energy Company, Gasoline 325.28	
gal	
Curriculum Associates LLC, Online Diagnostic an	. 14,072.50
Definiti LLC, Quarterly Fees	659.58
DeMoulin, Replacement part for	50.14
E F T P S, Fica	89,475.42
Employee Benefit Systems, Group Health	91,143.9
FNBO 2349, USD Band Conf Travel	455.92
FNBO 5594, Counseling Conf-Rugg	49.00
FNBO 7641, HS Business Webpage	900.7
FNBO 8237, ACDA Membership	525.00
FNBO 8243, CAPS Summer Huddle T	1,616.60
Gazette-Tribune, HS IMC Subscription	45.00
Graham Tire, Bus #62 Tires	1,833.5
Harris-Lake Park Comm. Schools, Concurrent Enr	oll-
mont	270.00

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Schools, Spec Ed Billing Heartland Area Education Agency, Shipping-Business

Heiman Inc, Annual Inspection an Hibbing Lawncare & Landscape, Spray Herbicide Hillyard / Sioux Falls, R30 Scrubber Repairs 9,199.02 HMH Education Company, MS Math Textbooks..... 5,748.93 IA Dept. Of Human Services, Medicaid to DHS....... 408.95

IASBO, IASBO Membership Rei

Iowa Ass'n. Of School Boards, IASB Membership Dues..... 3 710 00 lowa Information Inc., Bd Proceedings/Emplo....... 1,713.43 Iowa Testing Programs, ISASP Tests 24-25...... 2,300.00 IPERS Office, IPERS... 67,207.54 IState Truck Center, Labor- Bus# 62 Kriss Premium Products, INnc., Cooling Tower

Learning Ally, Subscription renewal..... 1,899.00 Lexia Learning Systems LLC, Lexia Core5 15.550.00 Reading.. LifeScape, Services...... 8,251.50 Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc., Welding Supplies 145.45 Mid Atlantic Trust Company, TSA/IRA Annuities..... 2.933.33 Minnesota Clay Co. USA, High School Art Supp....... 625.93 Nolte, Cornman & Johnson PC, FY24 Audit Fee..... 9,000.00 Northwestern College, Micro-Credential Bad 200.00 Auditor Of State, FY23 Audit Filing Fe..... 625.00 Okoboji Community Schools, Concurrent Enrollmen. 399.13 One Source, Employee Background 44.50

25,000.00 Pete Clauson Trucking Inc, Dirt north of ball d 350.00 PH Percussion, Percussion Clinic 5-.... Premier Communications, Internet Charges 1,886.67 The Press, Inc., Bd Proceedings/Emplo...... 842.18

Parallel Technologies Inc, Door Swipe/Camera

Presto-X, Pest Control	86.45
Principal Group Universal Life, GUL Life 8	91.10
Ray's Midbell Music, Baritone Sax Repairs 2	94.85
Renaissance, FastBridge Subscript	311.00
RSAI, RSAI Membership Dues 7	50.00
Savvas Learning Company, HS Math Textbooks 34,4	40.80
Schnepf Lumber Company, Acct# SIB001 Bus Bar 2	48.08
Scholastic, Inc., Scholastic News 2, 2 5	89.40
School Administrators Of Iowa, SAI Membership-	
Stan	44.00
Sheldon Community School, Spec Ed Billing	
2nd	47.35
Sibley Auto Parts, Bus Barn Supplies	07.62
City Of Sibley, Electricity	82.24
Sibley Hardware INC., Maint Supplies	90.66

Sibley Sheet Metal INC., Elem Rm# 174 Compres.... 380.00 Spirit Lake Community Schools, Spec Ed Billing Teaching Strategies, Inc., Teaching Strategies.... The Globe, HS Library Subscript... Timberline Billing Service LLC, Medicaid Billing... Treasurer State Of Iowa, State Income Tax............ 11,385.00 Two Rivers Bank & Trust, Health Savings Acct...... 5,949.77 ULINE, 12'x6' Portable Secu Vivi LLC, Vivi Subscription /L...... 11,130.00 Woods, Fuller, Shultz & Smith PC, Legal Services . 3,845.50

General Fund total... **MANAGEMENT LEVY JULY 2025** EMC Insurance Company, Property Insurance ... 358,019.00 Mid Atlantic Trust Company, ER-D Johnson....... 40,390.00 Storm Protection Fund, 2025 SPF Contributio 23,184.00 Student Assurance Services, Inc., Catastrophic

SU Insurance Company, Equipment Breakdown .. 25,478.00 PPEL JULY 2025 Northwest Decor & Furniture, Copy Room Flooring 1,360.20

Sibley Sheet Metal INC., Elem IT Room Mini-Sp.... 5,697.70 PPEL FUND total..... **SAVE JULY 2025** ATC Group Services, LLC, Asbestos PLM Bulk Sa. 1,250.00

Daimler Truck Financial Services USA LLC, Bus Leave Payment..... eBoardsolutions Inc, Simbli Meetings and...... 5,500.00 FNBO 7641, Metadot Tech Help De...... 157.94 Hudl, Hudl software 10,100.00 Johnson Controls Inc. Water Source Heat Pu...... 10,531.25 L & L Builders Co, Pay App #3 Project 5 1,519,299.09 Marco, Copier Lease MARCO Inc., Network Switches..... Midwest Bus Parts Inc, Video Equipment for 9,852.50 Piper Sandler & Co, 2025 SAVE Revenue Bo...... 55,875.00 S-O DEBT SERVICE / SINKING FUND, transfer from

S-O Debt Service 2025 Bond Sinking Fund, Transfer from Site Services Inc, Asbestos Removal Ele............... 9,330.00 Vista Software LLC, Qtr 1 Vista Iowa Sof.................. 3,450.00 SAVE FUND total 1,806,471.02 SCHOOL NUTRITION JULY 2025 FNBO 6121, conference lodging/m

Harms & Henrichs Construction Inc, repair freezer Martin Brothers, food supply - SFSP...... 5,458.53 Rapids, kitchen supplies..... Sibley Super Foods/61, food supply - 3601 - 6.98 School Nutrition Fund total 38,880.60 STUDENT ACTIVITY JULY 2025 Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Co., pop - concessions... 280.69

Award Decals, Helmet number Decals...... 100.14 Concord Theatricals Corp, Scripts (required to 361.45 Echter's Greenhouses, senior night flowers................... 32.50 Game One, FB uniforms (orange)...... 9,735.58 Gruis Glass, range markers...... 111.00

North Stars Band, Inc, Registration for Sta 250.00 Riddell All American Sports Corp, FB helmet certificat......

Martin Brothers, Lunch Stand Supplies.................. 1,514.42

MOC-FV Band Parents, Dutchmen Field Champ...... 225.00

Sheldon Community School, soccer equipment/sup.. 284.32 Student Activity Fund total..... ... 17.326.49 DISTRICT TOTAL..... 2,943,429.32