Joint Meeting of the Boards
Thursday, January 15th, 2026
Lillie M. Evans Library at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education, Princeville School District #326
Board of Trustees, Lillie M. Evans Library District
Board of Trustees, Akron- Princeville Fire District
Board of Trustees, Village of Princeville

A. Welcome by Jeff Troutman, Village President, Village of Princeville at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Boards:
   1. Roll call of the Princeville #326 School Board – The Princeville #326 School Board was brought to order by Superintendent Tony Shinall at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Amy Davis, Jeremy Duckworth, Grant DeBord, Darwin Stahl, and Erin Murphy.
   2. Roll call of the Lillie M. Evans Library Board – The Lillie M. Evans Library was brought to order by President Gayle Johnson-Brackett at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Diane Smith, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, Director Beth Dutlinger, Dan Sullivan, Rachel Wilson, Angie Daily, Randy Ingle, and Deb Givens.
   3. Roll call of Akron-Princeville Fire Department Board – no one was present.
   4. Roll call of the Village of Princeville Board - President Jeff Troutman brought their meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Rick Pope, Donny Peterson, Sarah Cordis, Steve Potter, Ron Delbridge, and Jeff Troutman.

Princeville #326 School District – Mr. Shinall comments: All three of the schools were recognized as being exemplary in the State of Illinois. The Jr. High was recognized in the US News and Word Report as one of the top Middle Schools in the Country. Recognized for financial stability, 4 out of 4. A school counselor, Ms. Rzeppa, was added to the grade school. Ms. Tiller, the new grade school principal, is very supportive and visible to the grade school students and staff. The Knights of Columbus, and The Pearce Center in Chillicothe are good partners of the district. School safety has been completed in all three buildings. The district has the Crisis Go App which will help them if an emergency arises. The T-Mobile Friday night contest was a huge success. They are considering adding irrigation of the football field with the money they won. They are also looking into an alternative learning program in the future.

Lillie M. Evans Library District – Director Beth Duttlinger comments: The Snow village that Jeannie McCoy donated has been up in the library. They are planning programs for the America 250 anniversary. There are three speaker programs lined up for these programs. They are doing the Healthy habits right now. The Herb & Spice Club was new last year and is continuing. There will be an interactive movie night. The Book Club is meeting. Peoria County for the Future, Princeville Talk, is long range planning. There is a winter walk in February. There will be a soup day on February 24th from 11-2. There will be three Music in the Park in June evenings. The library will be restarting the adopt a plot and seed library soon. The Peoney project with the museum is going strong. They started it in 2020 by locating local Auten's peonies. Last year they started a plot at the museum and currently have 110 plants. They are looking for volunteers to help. In 2037, it will be Princeville's 200th anniversary. Beth is looking for community members for a focus group to help in the libraries long range plan. Beth ended with the different apps that the library provides for their patrons.

APFD – Jeff Troutman talked for the Fire Department. They had 269 calls in 2025. Thus far it is lower this year. They have two new high school students. There are two more spots available. Eighty percent of the staff is over 40 years old. Forty percent is over 50 years old. The ambulance also needs more staff. The ambulance is dealing with an older staff too. They are getting a new ambulance next year. The ambulance had around 218 calls last year.

Village of Princeville – Jeff Troutman comments: The EPA mandated sewer update has been started. They are done for the winter. The snow removal has gone well. The Code Enforcer resigned in August. The Village is doing the enforcement right now. They are looking at an online interaction app to use instead of hiring a new enforcer but are undecided at this point. There is a new police officer. He is checking for seatbelts and cell phone use. IDOT is taking bids for 2026 for the construction of Route 90 to Route 40 in the spring. In two years, they will be doing construction for the four way stop in Princeville to Route 78. Jeff talked about the Discover Peoria team. He reminded everyone to let them know of events that are happening, so they can put it in their advertising. There was a rash of vehicle break-ins. Jeff reminded everyone to lock their car doors, and don't leave their keys in the car. The Day in the Park at Troutman Park will be on May 16th. Breakfast is planned, but they are still working on the rest of the details.

Princeville Civic Association (PCA) – President Serena Charvat talked about the upcoming Heritage Days and PCA's involvement. The bands are booked for Heritage Days. Beth Duttlinger gave a thank you to the Village for all their help with the Tree Lighting & Holiday Stroll. Even though it was cold, the library had 72 people come through the library that evening. She told us about the winners of the bikes and basket.

Public Comment – none

Next Joint Board Meeting – The next Joint Board meeting will be on July 16th, 2026 at 7pm. The School Board hosts and it will be at the Jr/Sr High.

Adjournment:

Darwin Stahl made a motion to adjourn the Princeville #326 Board meeting, seconded by Amy Davis at 7:33 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Rachel Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Lillie M. Evans Library board meeting, seconded by Diane Smith at 7:34 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Ron Delbridge made a motion to adjourn the Village of Princeville board meeting, seconded by Donny Peterson at 7:34 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Givens, Secretary