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Vice President Rich O'Brien announced at Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Education that he has accepted a position as an investigator with the NJ Office of the State Comptroller. He will begin his new job in early November. As all employees of the Office of State Comptroller are barred from engaging in any political activity and cannot hold public office, Mr. O'Brien will have to tender his resignation from the Board of Education effective November 7th.

The Office of the New Jersey State Comptroller is an independent entity created to bring greater efficiency and transparency to the operation of all levels of New Jersey's government. The office is responsible for conducting audits and investigations of the executive branch of state government, public institutions of higher education, independent state authorities and local governments and boards of education.

Having served on the school board since 2003, Mr. O'Brien said, "My service to our school district has been an absolute privilege and I am only giving it up due to the tremendous professional opportunity presented to me by the OSC. I will be cheering for our students and staff going forward."

"It is with tremendous regret that the Board accepts Rich's resignation," stated Donna Faulkenberry, President of the Board of Education. "Even more than his formidable expertise and skill, his pure dedication to the children of the Spotswood school district will be missed. One of our administrators noted that it feels like we are losing an advocate of education. His impact cannot be measured."

The Board will meet shortly to discuss plans for filling this position.