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The Spotswood Board of Education, at its November 9, 2010 Board meeting, swore in its newest member, Jeff Cote. Jeff replaces former Board member Rich O'Brien who resigned as of November 7, 2010 to take a position in the State Office of Comptroller.

The Board chose Jeff for the vacant position from amongst four candidates after interviews in a special public session on November 8, 2010.



Jeff is a six-year Spotswood resident, having moved from Massachusetts in 2004. He and his wife Lori-Anne have three children, two currently attending Appleby School in the Spotswood school district. Employed as a District Service Manager with EMC Corporation, Jeff possesses a BS in Computer Science and is pursuing a Master's Degree in Business Administration with an anticipated graduation date of 2011.

Jeff is an active volunteer in the Spotswood community, serving as the Registrar for the Spotswood Soccer Club as well as a Board member and coach for Spotswood Recreation Department. He also manages the Annual Spotswood 5K event which raises funds for the Spotswood community.

"Through direct involvement with my children's education and our community, I have observed the value placed on the quality of education in our school system," stated Jeff. "Being from Massachusetts provides an amount of perspective to compare and contrast the education systems of my current and former residences. I can say unequivocally that Spotswood continues to elevate expectations beyond anything that I have observed in my former home."

Jeff will serve through the remainder of this year and will then be required to run again in April of 2011 in order to continue to serve as a Board member.

"The Board is thrilled to have Jeff join our team," stated Board President Donna Faulkenberry. "He has an impressive professional background and skill set. He has also shown his tireless work ethic and commitment to Spotswood through his various volunteer positions. We look forward to working with him for the benefit of our school district."

Board President Faulkenberry went on to say, "We had four very strong, capable candidates to choose from, and we are grateful to them for their interest and dedication. Our school district has many challenges ahead and we hope the other applicants will continue to stay involved."