

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
September 14, 2016

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 14, 2016 (September 12, 2016)

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Washington Federal, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Washington                      001-34654    91-1661606  
(State or other jurisdiction    (Commission    (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number)    Identification No.)  
425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930  
Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;  
Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On September 12, 2016, the Board of Directors of Washington Federal, Inc. (“Company”) appointed Erin Lantz as a member of its Board of Directors effective immediately. Lantz, age 37, is the Vice President and General Manager of Mortgages at Zillow Group where she has worked since 2010. Just prior to Zillow, Lantz was Senior Vice President at Bank of America where she led the Direct-to-Consumer purchase home loan business. Before entering the mortgage industry, she worked at the Boston Consulting Group. Lantz holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a MBA from Harvard Business School. Ms. Lantz will be entitled to the same compensation as the other directors of the Company as set forth in the Company’s most recent proxy filed on December 9, 2015, including an annual stock award, annual retainer and fees for attending board meetings and any committee meetings to which she is appointed. There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Lantz and any other persons concerning her appointment as director of the Company and she has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

A copy of the press release issued by the Company announcing Ms. Lantz’ appointment as Director is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report. Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release dated September 14, 2016

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date:

September  
14, WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.  
2016

By: /s/ VINCENT L. BEATTY  
Vincent L. Beatty  
Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer