

METHODE ELECTRONICS INC

Form 8-K

January 18, 2008

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 15, 2008**

**METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
State of Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation

**0-2816**  
Commission File Number

**36-2090085**  
I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number

**7401 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(708) 867-6777**

**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 January 15, 2008, the Board of Directors of Methode Electronics, Inc. (the Company), upon recommendation from the Company's Nominating and Governance Committee, voted to elect Walter J. Aspatore as a director of the Company, effective February 1, 2008. Mr. Aspatore was elected to fill the vacancy resulting from the previously announced resignation of George S. Spindler, effective January 31, 2008. Mr. Aspatore will serve until the next election of directors at the Company's 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Mr. Aspatore will be joining the Company's Board as an independent director. The Board has appointed Mr. Aspatore to the Audit Committee and the Technology Committee. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Aspatore and any other person pursuant to which Mr. Aspatore was elected as a director of the Company. Mr. Aspatore will be eligible to participate in all non-management director compensation packages and plans available to the Company's other independent directors at the commencement of his term on February 1, 2008. Mr. Aspatore currently serves as Chairman and Co-Founder of Amherst Partners, LLC, where he specializes in advising companies on mergers and acquisitions, financings, business valuations, turnarounds, and provides other advisory services for companies engaged primarily in manufacturing, distribution and service-related industries. Prior to co-founding Amherst Partners in 1994, Mr. Aspatore served in various officer positions at diversified manufacturing and technology businesses, including Cross and Trecker Corporation, the Warner and Swasey Company, Bendix Corporation and TRW Corporation. He also served as Vice Chairman and President of Onset BIDCO, a venture capital and subordinated debt fund, from 1992 to 1994.

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**SIGNATURE**

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 hereunto duly authorized.

**METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC.**

Date: January 18, 2008

By: /s/ Douglas A. Koman  
Douglas A. Koman  
Chief Financial Officer