

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC

Form 8-K

July 12, 2018

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): July 12, 2018 (July 10, 2018)

Washington Federal, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers;
5.02 Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On July 10, 2018, the Board of Directors of Washington Federal, Inc. (the “Company”), and its wholly owned subsidiary Washington Federal, N.A. (the “Bank”) increased the size of the board of both the Company and the Bank from nine to ten persons and appointed a new independent director, Mr. Steve Singh, to fill the resulting vacancy, with such appointment effective August 1, 2018. Mr. Singh will serve in the class of directors with terms expiring in 2021.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Singh and any other persons concerning his appointment as director of the Company and he has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Our board has affirmatively determined that Mr. Singh is independent of our Company and its management under Nasdaq Listing Rules.

Mr. Singh will be entitled to the same compensation as the other non-employee directors of the Company as set forth in the Company’s most recent proxy statement filed on December 7, 2017, including an annual stock award, annual retainer and fees for attending board meetings and any committee meetings to which he is appointed.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company announcing the appointment of Mr. Singh to the Board of Directors is included 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 (the 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) The following exhibit is being furnished herewith:
99.1 Press Release dated July 10, 2018

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.

July 12, 2018 WASHINGTON FEDERAL,
INC.

By: /s/ VINCENT L. BEATTY
Vincent L. Beatty
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer