BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS INC Form 8-K January 21, 2016

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

January 15, 2016

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 0-18710 94-3076866 (State or Other Juris- (Commission File No.) (IRS Employer diction of Incorporation) Identification No.)

3303 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell, WA 98021 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(425) 402-1400 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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):

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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, 2016, BioLife Solutions, Inc. (the "Company") terminated the employment of Joe Annicchiarico, previously the Company's chief operating officer. The Company anticipates that it will pay Mr. Annicchiarico three months' salary as severance pay.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 21, 2016

BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Daphne Taylor

Daphne Taylor

Chief Financial Officer