BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS INC Form 8-K February 26, 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

February 25, 2016
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

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

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

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Item 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 25, 2016, subsequent to BioLife Solutions, Inc. (the "Company") filing its annual report on Form 10-K, the Company and Daphne Taylor, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, entered into an amendment to Ms. Taylor's employment agreement dated February 19, 2015 (the "Amendment"). The Amendment provides that upon Ms. Taylor's voluntary resignation she is entitled to receive severance pay of six months' salary, plus any accrued and unpaid salary, unused vacation time and reimbursable business expenses, subject to appropriate deductions and withholdings. Such severance payments are subject to the Company and Ms. Taylor signing, within 30 days following Ms. Taylor's resignation, and Ms. Taylor not rescinding, as may be permitted by law, a general release of claims in a form acceptable to the Company.

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

On February 25, 2016, following the signing of the Amendment, Ms. Taylor resigned from all positions with the Company and its subsidiary effectively immediately, and Michael Rice, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, was appointed as the Company's principal financial and accounting officer. The information with respect to Mr. Rice that is required by Items 401(b), (d), (e) and 404(e) of Regulation S-K is incorporated by reference from the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as filed on February 25, 2016.

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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: February 25, 2016

BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC.

By: /s/ Michael Rice

Michael Rice

President and Chief Financial Officer