BED BATH & BEYOND INC Form 8-K July 01, 2016

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 1, 2016

BED BATH & BEYOND INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York 0-20214 11-2250488 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

650 Liberty Avenue
Union, New Jersey 07083
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(908) 688-0888

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. ("the Company") held on July 1, 2016, the following items were voted upon: (1) the election of ten directors of the Company for terms expiring in 2017; (2) the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending February 25, 2017; (3) a proposal to consider the approval, by non-binding vote, of the 2015 compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers; (4) a shareholder proposal regarding proxy access bylaws; (5) a shareholder proposal regarding an equity retention policy for senior executives; and (6) a shareholder proposal regarding shareholder approval of certain future severance agreements. The voting results with respect to each of the matters described were as follows:

1. The ten directors were elected based upon the following votes:

| | | | | Broker |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------|------------|
| Nominee | For | Against | Abstain | |
| | | | | Non-Votes |
| Warren Eisenberg | 121,659,824 | 2,258,770 | 103,022 | 11,011,536 |
| Leonard Feinstein | 121,656,175 | 2,259,824 | 105,617 | 11,011,536 |
| Steven H. Temares | 122,543,867 | 1,373,149 | 104,600 | 11,011,536 |
| Dean S. Adler | 79,394,372 | 44,527,070 | 100,174 | 11,011,536 |
| Stanley F. Barshay | 79,964,245 | 43,946,358 | 111,013 | 11,011,536 |
| Geraldine T. Elliott | 123,235,840 | 618,212 | 167,564 | 11,011,536 |
| Klaus Eppler | 118,007,308 | 5,912,919 | 101,389 | 11,011,536 |
| Patrick R. Gaston | 122,849,689 | 1,002,354 | 169,573 | 11,011,536 |
| Jordan Heller | 121,638,774 | 2,281,171 | 101,671 | 11,011,536 |
| Victoria A. Morrison | 79,928,298 | 43,995,909 | 97,409 | 11,011,536 |

^{2.} The appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending February 25, 2017 was ratified based upon the following votes:

For Against Abstain 134,029,739 844,020 159,393

3. The proposal to consider the approval, by non-binding vote, of the 2015 compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers was not approved, by the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 28,035,787 95,770,691 215,138 11,011,536

4. The shareholder proposal to adopt a proxy access bylaw was approved, by the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 76,241,788 47,489,909 289,919 11,011,536

The shareholder proposal to adopt a policy requiring that senior executives retain a significant percentage of shares 5. acquired through equity compensation programs until reaching normal retirement age or terminating employment with the Company was not approved, by the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 27,643,614 96,052,380 325,622 11,011,536

The shareholder proposal to seek shareholder approval of future severance agreements with senior executives that 6. provide benefits in an amount exceeding 2.99 times the sum of the executives' base salary plus bonus was approved, by the following votes:

For Against Abstain Broker Non-Votes 74,080,400 49,657,514 283,702 11,011,536

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.

BED BATH & BEYOND

INC.

(Registrant)

Date: July 1, 2016 By:/s/ Susan E. Lattmann

Susan E. Lattmann Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)