## 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): February 27, 2017

# **ACTUANT CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Wisconsin</u> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) <u>1-11288</u> (Commission File Number) <u>39-0168610</u> (IRS Employer Identification No.)

N86 W12500 Westbrook Crossing Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

Mailing address: P.O. Box 3241, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (262) 293-1500

N/A (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):

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

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

Mr. Richard D. Holder was elected to the Actuant Corporation Board of Directors, effective as of February 28, 2017.

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Holder is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

| Exhibit |   |
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| Number  | Description   |
| 99.1    | Press Release of Actuant Corporation dated February 28, 2017. |

#### 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.

# ACTUANT CORPORATION

Date: February 28, 2017

/s/ Rick T. Dillon

Name: Rick T. Dillon Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

#### Actuant Elects Richard Holder as New Director

MILWAUKEE--(BUSINESS WIRE)--February 28, 2017--Actuant Corporation (NYSE:ATU) announced today that the Board of Directors has elected Richard Holder to its Board, effective immediately. Mr. Holder is President and Chief Executive Officer of NN, Inc. (NASDAQ:NNBR) a position he has held since joining NN in June 2013. Mr. Holder is a seasoned executive with more than 25 years of international experience across a diverse set of industries and disciplines. Prior to NN, Inc., Mr. Holder held a variety of leadership positions during his twelve year tenure at Eaton Corporation, where he last served as President of Eaton Electrical Components Group, a unit of Eaton's Electrical Sector. Prior to joining Eaton, he held a variety of leadership roles at US Airways, AlliedSignal and Parker Hannifin. He holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and an MBA from Webster University.

Commenting on the announcement, Robert Peterson, Actuant's Chairman, said, "Richard's broad global exposure across a diverse array of industries, as well as his strong senior leadership, operations and acquisition experience as a current CEO, will be an asset to Actuant. The rest of the Board and I look forward to his contributions and are excited he has agreed to join Actuant as a member of the Board."

#### About Actuant

Actuant Corporation is a diversified industrial company serving customers from operations in more than 30 countries. The Actuant businesses are leaders in a broad array of niche markets including branded hydraulic tools and solutions, specialized products and services for energy markets and highly engineered position and motion control systems. The Company was founded in 1910 and is headquartered in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Actuant trades on the NYSE under the symbol ATU. For further information on Actuant and its businesses, visit the Company's website at <a href="https://www.actuant.com">www.actuant.com</a>.

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