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 27, 2018

ACTUANT CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11288 (Commission File Number)

39-0168610 (I.R.S. 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

General Instruction A.2. below): ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
□ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
□ 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 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange 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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Appointment of Corporate Controller and Principal Accounting Officer

On July 27, 2018, Actuant Corporation (the "Company") appointed Bryan R. Johnson as its new Corporate Controller and Principal Accounting Officer. Mr. Johnson is 42 years old and joined the Company in September 2017 as Vice President Finance – Engineered Solutions Segment. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Johnson worked at Joy Global, Inc. (subsequently Komatsu Mining) for 11 years and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for seven years in various accounting and finance positions of increasing responsibility.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 27, 2018, the Company announced that its Board of Directors approved a cash dividend on the Company's common stock. The Board declared an annual dividend of \$0.04 per common share payable on October 15, 2018 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 28, 2018.

A copy of the press release announcing the dividend is attached at Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of the Company dated July 27, 2018.

SIGNATURE

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 (Registrant)

Date: July 27, 2018 By: /s/ Rick T. Dillon

Rick T. Dillon
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Actuant Announces Dividend

MILWAUKEE--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 27, 2018--Actuant Corporation (NYSE: ATU) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved a cash dividend on the Company's common stock. The Board declared an annual dividend of \$0.04 per common share payable on October 15, 2018 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 28, 2018.

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 www.actuant.com.

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