

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2013

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 16, 2013

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Washington Federal, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Washington (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-34654 (Commission File Number)	91-1661606 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)		
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930		
Not Applicable		
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)		

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

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Washington Federal, Inc. was held on January 16, 2013. The three items voted upon by shareholders included 1) the election of four directors, two for a one-year term and two for a three-year term, 2) the approval of a non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation of Washington Federal executive officers and 3) the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accountants for fiscal 2013. The results of the voting were as follows:

	Votes Cast For	Against	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast
Election of Directors				
One-year term:				
David K. Grant	86,253,076	—	711,092	86,964,168
Randall H. Talbot	86,239,852	—	724,316	86,964,168
Three-year term:				
Thomas J. Kelley	86,261,039	—	703,129	86,964,168
Barbara L. Smith	86,258,463	—	705,705	86,964,168
Non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation	85,946,634	807,616		86,754,250
Abstained			209,917	209,917
				86,964,167
Ratify appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP	97,635,804	954,129	196,122	98,786,055

Based on the results above, all of the business voted upon by the shareholders was approved.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 18, 2013

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

By: /s/ BRENT J. BEARDALL  
Brent J. Beardall  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer