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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

March 12, 2014

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

BLUE NILE, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE 000-50763 91-1963165

(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION (COMMISSION (I.R.S. EMPLOYER OF INCORPORATION) FILE NUMBER) IDENTIFICATION NO.)

411 FIRST AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 700, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, 98104 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING ZIP CODE)

(206) 336-6700

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE

N/A

(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

As previously disclosed on Blue Nile Inc.'s (the "Company") Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 6, 2014, Vijay Talwar separated from the Company on February 5, 2014 (the "Separation Date"). Talwar was formerly the Company's President and General Manager of International. On March 5, 2014, the Company entered into a Separation Agreement (the "Agreement") with Talwar. In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, conditioned upon Talwar's continued performance of his obligations under the Agreement, he will receive: (1) three months of his current base salary, paid in the form of salary continuation; and, (2) a monthly payment equal to his COBRA premiums for that month (including premiums for Talwar and his eligible dependents who elect to remain enrolled in the COBRA coverage), for a number of months equal to the lesser of (i) the duration of the period in which he and his eligible dependents are eligible for and enrolled in COBRA coverage (and not otherwise covered by another employer's group health plan), and (ii) three (3) months.

The Agreement further provides that: (i) Talwar's participation in all equity compensation, incentive compensation and all other compensation plans, programs and agreements shall terminate effective as of the Separation Date, and (ii) Talwar is not entitled to any compensation and benefits from and after the Separation Date, except as provided in the Agreement, and any vested right he may have under the Blue Nile 401(k) Plan. In the Agreement, Talwar provided a general release of claims against the Company.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION NUMBER

Severance Agreement between Blue Nile, Inc. and Vijay Talwar, dated March 5, 2014

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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.

BLUE NILE, INC.

By: /s/ David Binder David Binder

Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: March 18, 2014