UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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) August 22, 2006

Microsoft Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Washington

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

0-14278 (Commission File Number) 91-1144442 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98052-6399 (Zip Code)

(425) 882-8080

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(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

On August 22, 2006, Ann McLaughlin Korologos, a member of the Microsoft Board of Directors since 2000, informed the Company that she has decided to retire from the Board effective as of the 2006 annual meeting of shareholders, and therefore will not stand for re-election at the annual meeting. The Company issued a press release announcing Ms. Korologos plans on August 25, 2006.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Microsoft Corporation dated August 25, 2006

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.

Date: August 25, 2006

MICROSOFT CORPORATION

(Registrant)

/s/ John A. Seethoff John A. Seethoff

Assistant Secretary

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Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press release dated August 25, 2006

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