

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 14, 2011

**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): December 14, 2011**

**APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**OHIO**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)  
  
Incorporation or Organization)

**1-2299**  
(Commission)  
  
File Number)

**34-0117420**  
(I.R.S. Employer)  
  
Identification No.)

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**One Applied Plaza, Cleveland, Ohio**  
(Address of Principal Executive Officers)

**44115**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (216) 426-4000**

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 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On December 14, 2011, the Board of Directors of Applied Industrial Technologies, Inc. ( Applied ) elected John F. Meier as its independent Chairperson. Applied issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 announcing the election.

Mr. Meier, age 64, is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Libbey Inc. (NYSE Amex: LBY), from which he retired in July 2011. He has served on Applied s Board since 2005.

In addition to the regular director retainer, Applied will pay the Chairperson a quarterly retainer of \$7,500.

Upon Mr. Meier s election, the Board eliminated the role of presiding non-management director.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated December 14, 2011

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, thereunto duly authorized.

APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Fred D. Bauer  
Fred D. Bauer  
Vice President-General Counsel & Secretary

Date: December 14, 2011