

Walsh Jeffrey T.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Walsh Jeffrey T.

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC., 60  
BINNEY STREET  
(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/10/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial / and Strategy Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	11/10/2017		M		1,493	A	\$ 2.0864 28,798
Common Stock	11/10/2017		M		578	A	\$ 5.5004 29,376
Common Stock	11/10/2017		M		7,829	A	\$ 24.47 37,205
Common Stock	11/10/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,100	D	\$ 148.7548 35,105
Common Stock	11/10/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		6,600	D	\$ 149.7363 28,505

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Common Stock	11/10/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,200	D	\$ 150.1833	27,305	D
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.0864	11/10/2017		M	1,493	<sup>(5)</sup> 07/13/2021	Common Stock	1,493
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.5004	11/10/2017		M	578	<sup>(6)</sup> 01/16/2023	Common Stock	578
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.47	11/10/2017		M	7,829	<sup>(7)</sup> 03/03/2024	Common Stock	7,829

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Walsh Jeffrey T. C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET			Chief Financial	and Strategy Officer

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

## Signatures

/s/ Jason F. Cole,  
Attorney-in-Fact

11/14/2017

    \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

    Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 23, 2016.  
  
The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$148.1000 to \$149.0500. The average weighted price was \$148.7548. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$149.1000 to \$150.0750. The average weighted price was \$149.7363. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$150.1000 to \$150.2750. The average weighted price was \$150.1833. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (4) This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on May 16, 2012 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.  
  
This option to purchase shares of our common stock granted on January 16, 2013 with performance-based vesting criteria that were met as of April 1, 2013. The shares underlying these options vested as follows: 25% vested on April 1, 2014, with the remainder of the shares vesting in equal monthly installments over the following three years.
- (5) This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on January 1, 2015 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.
- (6)
- (7)

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