

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS INC
Form 8-K
February 24, 2009

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):

February 20, 2009

Financial Institutions, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

0-26481

16-0816610

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

220 Liberty Street, Warsaw, New York

14569

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

585-786-1100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 20, 2009, John R. Tyler, Jr. informed Financial Institutions, Inc. (the "Company") that he will not be standing for re-election to the Board of Directors when his current term expires at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held May 6, 2009. Mr. Tyler has been a director since 2000 and is currently serving as Chairman of the Executive, Nominating and Governance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. Mr. Tyler's decision not to stand for re-election was not due to a disagreement with the Company.

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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.

February 24, 2009

Financial Institutions, Inc.

By: *Ronald A. Miller*

Name: Ronald A. Miller

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer