

WASHINGTON FEDERAL INC  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2012

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 18, 2012

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Washington Federal, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Washington (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	001-34654 (Commission File Number)	91-1661606 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
425 Pike Street, Seattle, Washington 98101 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)		
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (206) 624-7930		
Not Applicable		
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)		

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## Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Washington Federal, Inc. was held on January 18, 2012. The four items voted upon by shareholders included 1) the election of four directors, one for a one-year term and three for a three-year term, 2) the approval of a non-binding, advisory proposal on the compensation of Washington Federal executive officers, 3) the recommendation, based on a non-binding advisory vote, of the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation of Washington Federal executive officers and 4) the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accountants for fiscal 2012. The results of the voting were as follows:

	Votes Cast For	Against	Votes Withheld	Total Votes Cast
Election of Directors				
One-year term:				
John F. Clearman	86,041,246	—	1,905,559	87,946,805
Three-year term:				
Liane J. Pelletier	87,103,664	—	843,141	87,946,805
Mark N. Tabbutt	87,116,314	—	830,491	87,946,805
Roy M. Whitehead	84,982,733	—	2,964,072	87,946,805
Non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation	86,330,870	717,103	898,832	87,946,805
Non-binding advisory vote on frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation				
3 years	8,162,776			8,162,776
2 years	456,001			456,001
1 year	78,484,445			78,484,445
Abstained			843,583	843,583
				87,946,805
Ratify appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP	99,684,089	1,704,893	164,218	101,553,200

Based on the results above, all of the business voted upon by the shareholders was approved.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 20, 2012

WASHINGTON FEDERAL, INC.

By: /s/ BRENT J. BEARDALL  
Brent J. Beardall  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer