
**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) : **January 24, 2006**

Meta Financial Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

0-22140
(Commission File
Number)

42-1406262
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Fifth at Erie, Storm Lake, IA 50588
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(712) 732-4117**

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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Item 5.02(b) Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Mr. G. Mark Mickelson, an independent director, departed from the Board of Directors of both Meta Financial Group, Inc. (the “Company”), and MetaBank (the “Bank”) effective January 23, 2006, the day his term expired and the date of the Company’s 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Mr. Mickelson had earlier announced his intention not to stand for reelection in Form 8-K filed on November 28, 2005. Mr. Frederick V. Moore has been appointed to a three year term as a member of the class of 2009 to fill both board vacancies, and will serve on the Audit Committee.

Mr. Moore, age 49, has served as the President of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa since 1995.

A press release describing these events, and which release is incorporated by reference herein, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

META FINANCIAL GROUP,
INC.

By: /s/ Jonathan M. Gaiser

Jonathan M. Gaiser
Senior Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer and Chief Financial
Officer

Dated: January 24, 2006

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Description of Exhibit

99.1

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Investor Relations
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FREDERICK V. MOORE JOINS META FINANCIAL GROUP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Storm Lake, Iowa - January 23, 2006 - Meta Financial Group, Inc. NASDAQNM: CASH) Meta Financial Group announced today that Mr. Frederick V. Moore accepted an appointment as an independent director of the Company and MetaBank, a subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Moore, age 49, has served as the President of Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa since 1995. Mr. Moore is an attorney who holds a J.D. with Honors, M.B.A. and B.A. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Moore has worked in corporate America as strategic planner, financial analyst, and marketing executive.

Chairman James S. Haahr stated, "We are delighted to have Fred Moore join the Meta organization. He is very well-qualified and will be an asset as a director of Meta Financial and MetaBank. At the same time, I also want to expressly thank G. Mark Mickelson whose term has expired as of today. Mark has provided years of dedicated service to Meta and its shareholders, and we shall miss him."

Corporate Profile: Meta Financial Group, Inc. (doing business as Meta Financial Group) is the holding company for MetaBank, MetaBank West Central, and Meta Trust Company. MetaBank is a federally-chartered savings bank with four market areas: Northwest Iowa, Brookings, Central Iowa, and Sioux Empire; and the nationally recognized Meta Payment Systems division. MetaBank West Central is a state-chartered commercial bank located in West Central Iowa. Eighteen offices support customers throughout northwest and central Iowa, and in Brookings and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.