UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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)

September 16, 2004

WINN-DIXIE STORES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida (State or other jurisdiction of

1-3657 (Commission

59-0514290 (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

File Number)

Identification No.)

5050 Edgewood Court, Jacksonville, Florida (Address of principal executive offices)

32254-3699 (Zip Code)

(904) 783-5000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Unchanged

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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- "Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On September 16, 2004, Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. issued a press release announcing the retirement of A. Dano Davis as Director and Chairman of the Board of the Company at the conclusion of his term on October 20, 2004. H. Jay Skelton, President and a director of DDI Inc., has been nominated to fill Mr. Davis s seat on the Board.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits:
 - 99.1 Press release dated September 16, 2004, announcing the retirement of A. Dano Davis and nomination of H. Jay Skelton to fill Mr. Davis s seat on the Board.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 16, 2004 Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.

By: /s/ FRANK LAZARAN

Frank Lazaran

President and

Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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