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): September 17, 2015

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware1-997336-3352497(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)(Commission File Number)(IRS Employer Identification No.)1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois60120

1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(847) 741-3300

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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
Arrangem	ents of Certain Officers.				

(b) On September 17, 2015, Sabin C. Streeter resigned from the board of directors of The Middleby Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), due to health reasons. Mr. Streeter's decision to resign did not involve any disagreement with the Company, the Company's management or the board of directors of the Company.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Dated: September 17, 2015 By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald

Name: Timothy J. FitzGerald

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer