META FINANCIAL GROUP INC Form 8-K January 24, 2006

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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Exhibit <u>Number</u>

Description of Exhibit

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Press Release