

MIDDLEBY CORP
Form 8-K
May 14, 2012

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): May 10, 2012

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 1-9973 (Commission File Number) | 36-3352497 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 60120 (Zip Code) |
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(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 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On May 10, 2012, The Middleby Corporation (the “Company”) held its annual meeting of stockholders. A total of 15,925,841 shares of common stock were present in person or by proxy, which represented approximately 85.01% of the shares entitled to vote and which constituted a quorum. The matters presented for a vote at the meeting and the related results were as follows:

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Proposal one was the election of seven (7) directors. The shares present were voted as follows:

| Nominees | For | Withheld | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
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| Selim A. Bassoul | 12,400,949 | 3,524,892 | — | 0 |
| Robert B. Lamb | 15,168,352 | 757,489 | — | 0 |
| Ryan Levenson | 13,878,629 | 2,047,212 | — | 0 |
| John R. Miller III | 14,234,386 | 1,691,455 | — | 0 |
| Gordon O’Brien | 14,254,267 | 1,671,574 | — | 0 |
| Philip G. Putnam | 15,154,991 | 770,850 | — | 0 |
| Sabin C. Streeter | 15,154,546 | 771,295 | — | 0 |

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, all seven nominees listed above were elected to serve on the Company’s Board of Directors.

2. ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Proposal two was the approval, by an advisory vote, of the 2011 compensation of the Company’s named executive officers. The shares present were voted as follows:

FOR: 8,457,514 AGAINST: 7,418,088 ABSTAIN: 50,239 BROKER NON-VOTES: 0

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, the 2011 compensation of the Company’s named executive officers was approved on an advisory basis.

3. STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL

Proposal three was a non-binding stockholder proposal requesting that the Company’s Board of Directors initiate the appropriate process to amend the Company’s articles of incorporation and/or bylaws to provide that director nominees shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of votes cast at an annual meeting of shareholders, with a plurality vote retained for contested director elections. The shares present were voted as follows:

FOR: 13,463,569 AGAINST: 272,133 ABSTAIN: 171,750 BROKER NON-VOTES: 0

Pursuant to the foregoing votes, proposal three was approved on an advisory basis.

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: May 14, 2012

By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald
Timothy J. FitzGerald
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer