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): February 22, 2013

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, Illinois (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

> (847) 741-3300 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

60120

(Zip Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 22, 2013, the Board of Directors of The Middleby Corporation (the "Company") established a Nominating Committee and appointed the following independent Directors of the Company to serve as members of the Nominating Committee: John R. Miller, III, Gordon O'Brien and Philip G. Putnam. Mr. Putnam was appointed to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee Charter will be posted on the "Investor Relations" section of the Company's website, located at www.middleby.com, as soon as practicable.

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: February 28, 2013

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