UNITED BANKSHARES INC/WV Form 8-K February 28, 2014

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 24, 2014

United Bankshares, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

West Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of

No. 0-13322 (Commission

55-0641179 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

File Number)
300 United Center

Identification No.)

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500 Virginia Street, East

Charleston, West Virginia 25301

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(304) 424-8800

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or address, if changed since last report)

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- "Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

<u>Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers</u>

At a meeting of the Compensation Committee (the Committee) of United Bankshares, Inc. (the Company) held on February 24, 2014, the Committee granted stock options and restricted stock to the Company s named executive officers and adopted specific performance measures that will apply to the options and restricted shares awarded (the Performance Based Awards). In order for a named executive officer to be entitled to the Awards, the Company must outperform certain long-term Total Shareholder Return (TSR) metrics compared to its Peer Group identified in the Company s Annual Proxy Statement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

UNITED BANKSHARES, INC.

By: /s/ Steven E. Wilson
Steven E. Wilson, Executive Vice President,
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 28, 2014