

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 14, 2018

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 14, 2018

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	001-34582	27-0950358
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Liberty Street	16365
Warren, Pennsylvania	
(Address of principal executive office)	(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (814) 726-2140

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4 (c))

Indicate by a check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 ( § 230.405 of this chapter) or rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange act.

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 14, 2018 the Board of Directors of Northwest Bancshares, Inc. granted stock options and restricted stock to all directors and named executive officers. The form of grant agreements are filed as exhibits to this Current Report on form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Not applicable
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>10.1</u>	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Award Agreement
<u>10.2</u>	Form of Incentive Stock Option Award Agreement
<u>10.3</u>	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement

#### SIGNATURES

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.

NORTHWEST  
BANCSHARES, INC.

DATE: May 14, 2018 By: /s/ William W. Harvey, Jr.  
William W. Harvey, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer