

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 20, 2009**

**ROSS STORES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-14678**  
(Commission File No.)

**94-1390387**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**4440 Rosewood Drive, Pleasanton, California, 94588-3050**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
**(925) 965-4400**

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

(d) On May 20, 2009, Mr. Gregory L. Quesnel was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of Ross Stores, Inc. (the "Company"), with an initial term expiring at the Company's 2010 Annual Stockholders Meeting. Mr. Quesnel is an independent director under the listing standards of the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Mr. Quesnel will receive cash compensation and will be granted restricted stock for his services on the Board of Directors and any applicable committees, in accordance with the Company's standard fee arrangements and restricted stock grant formula for non-employee directors.

A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Quesnel's appointment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

Exhibit

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Description

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May 21, 2009 Press Release by Ross Stores, Inc.

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**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.

Date: May 21, 2009

**ROSS STORES, INC.**

Registrant

By: /s/ M. LeHocky

Mark LeHocky

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**GREGORY L. QUESNEL JOINS ROSS STORES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Pleasanton, California, May 21, 2009** – Ross Stores, Inc. (Nasdaq: ROST) announced today that Gregory L. Quesnel has been elected to its Board of Directors effective immediately.

Mr. Quesnel, age 60, spent almost 30 years at CNF, Inc. (now Con-Way, Inc.), a freight transportation and logistics company, most recently as Chief Executive Officer from 1999 to 2004. He was the Company’s Chief Financial Officer from 1991 to 1997 and Chief Operating Officer from 1997 to 1998. He began his career in 1970 at Chevron Corporation. Mr. Quesnel currently serves on the Boards of SYNEX Corporation, a distributor of technology products, and Potlatch Corporation, a wood products company. He received his MBA at the University of Portland in 1975 and his BA at the University of Oregon in 1970.

In commenting on this news, Michael Balmuth, Vice Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ross Stores, stated, “We are delighted to have Greg Quesnel join our Board of Directors. We believe that his extensive business knowledge and strong financial background will make him a valuable resource for the Company and its stockholders.”

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Ross Stores, Inc., a Fortune 500 and Nasdaq 100 (ROST) company headquartered in Pleasanton, California, is the nation’s second largest off-price retailer with fiscal 2008 revenues of \$6.5 billion. As of May 2, 2009, the Company operated 922 Ross Dress for Less® (“Ross”) stores and 52 dd’s DISCOUNTS® locations. Ross offers first-quality, in-season, name brand and designer apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20 to 60 percent off department and specialty store regular prices. dd’s DISCOUNTS features a more moderately-priced assortment of first-quality, in-season, name brand apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family at everyday savings of 20 to 70 percent off moderate department and discount store regular prices. Additional information is available at [www.rossstores.com](http://www.rossstores.com).