

HERSHEY CO  
Form 8-K  
October 14, 2016

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

October 14, 2016

Date of Report  
(Date of earliest  
event reported)

The Hershey Company  
(Exact name of registrant  
as specified in its  
charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-183 23-0691590  
(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's  
telephone  
number,  
including area  
code: (717)  
534-4200

Not Applicable  
(Former name or  
former address,  
if changed since  
last report.)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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 October 14, 2016, James E. Nevels, Lead Independent Director of The Hershey Company (the “Company”), notified the Company of his intention not to stand for re-election as a director at the Company’s 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, currently expected to be held on May 3, 2017. Mr. Nevels will continue to serve as the Company’s Lead Independent Director until that time.

Mr. Nevels indicated his intention not to stand for re-election solely for personal reasons and not due to any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company’s operations, policies or practices.

SIGNATURE

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.

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

Date: October 14, 2016

By: /s/ Leslie M. Turner  
Leslie M. Turner  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary