

SHORE BANCSHARES INC
Form 8-K
July 25, 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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 25, 2016

SHORE BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Maryland</u>	<u>0-22345</u>	<u>52-1974638</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission file number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

28969 Information Lane, Easton, Maryland 21601

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (410) 763-7800

N/A

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(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))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 25, 2016, the Board of Directors of Shore Bancshares, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that its Board of Directors has approved a stock repurchase program. Under the new repurchase program, management is authorized to repurchase up to 400,000 shares, or approximately 3.2%, of the 12.7 million outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock. The program may be limited or terminated at any time without prior notice. The program will expire on April 21, 2017.

Under the stock repurchase program, shares of common stock may be repurchased by the Company from time to time in open market transactions or in privately negotiated transactions as permitted under applicable rules and regulations. Repurchases may be conducted, suspended, or terminated at any time without notice. The extent to which the Company repurchases its shares and the timing of such repurchases will depend upon market conditions and other considerations as may be considered in the Company’s sole discretion.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference. Information contained herein, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall such information and Exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The exhibits that are filed or furnished with this report are listed in the Exhibit Index that immediately follows the signatures hereto, which list is incorporated herein by reference.

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.

SHORE BANCSHARES, INC.

Dated: July 25, 2016 By: /s/ Lloyd L. Beatty, Jr.
Lloyd L. Beatty, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release, dated July 25, 2016, issued by the Company announcing share repurchase authority.