
Section 1: 8-K (FORM 8-K)

**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): March 27, 2019

CONNECTONE BANCORP, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New Jersey
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-11486
(Commission File Number)

52-1273725
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

301 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(201) 816-8900
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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:

- 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 check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company

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.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 27, 2019, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

[Exhibit 99.1](#). Press release dated March 27, 2019

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.

CONNECTONE BANCORP, INC.

Date: March 27, 2019

By: /s/ William S. Burns
William S. Burns
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Section 2: EX-99.1 (PRESS RELEASE)

EXHIBIT 99.1

ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc. Increases Quarterly Common Stock Cash Dividend

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, N.J., March 27, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq: CNOB) (the "Company" or "ConnectOne"), parent company of ConnectOne Bank (the "Bank"), announced today that its Board of Directors increased the Company's quarterly cash dividend on its common stock by 20% to \$0.09 per share. The dividend will be paid May 1, 2019, to shareholders of record on April 15, 2019. The \$0.09 per share represents an increase of \$0.015 per share over the previous quarterly cash dividend of \$0.075 per share.

Frank Sorrentino, ConnectOne's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer stated, "This dividend increase reflects our consistently strong operating performance, our solid capital position and the confidence we have in ConnectOne's long-term outlook. Our payout ratio remains conservative and, along with the recently announced 1.2 million share repurchase program, we remain committed to effectively managing capital in order to enhance shareholder value."

About ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc.

ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc., through its subsidiary, ConnectOne Bank offers a full suite of both commercial and consumer banking and lending products and services through its 29 banking offices located in New York and New Jersey. ConnectOne Bancorp, Inc. is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the trading symbol "CNOB," and information about ConnectOne may be found at <https://www.ConnectOneBank.com>.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements which are based on certain assumptions and describe future plans, strategies and expectations of the Company. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by use of the words "believe," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "project," or similar expressions. The Company's ability to predict results or the actual effect of future plans or strategies is inherently uncertain. Factors which could have a material adverse effect on the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries include, but are not limited to, those factors set forth in Item 1A – Risk Factors of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities Exchange Commission, and changes in interest rates, general economic conditions, legislative/regulatory changes, monetary and fiscal policies of the U.S. Government, including policies of the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board, the quality or composition of the loan or investment portfolios, demand for loan products, deposit flows, competition, demand for financial services in the Company's market area and accounting principles and guidelines. These risks and uncertainties should be considered in evaluating forward-looking statements and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements. The Company does not undertake, and specifically disclaims any obligation, to publicly release the result of any revisions which may be made to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

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