GOTTSCHALKS INC Form 8-K December 11, 2006

# 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): December 6, 2006

Gottschalks Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

### **Delaware**

(State of Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

### <u>1-09100</u>

### <u>77-0159791</u>

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

7 River Park Place East Fresno, California 93720

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(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

#### (559) 434-4800

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 6, 2006, upon the recommendation of its Compensation Committee, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Gottschalks Inc. (the "Company"), approved certain amendments to the current director compensation policy for the Company's non-management directors for the 2007 fiscal year. Pursuant to such amendments, each non-management director serving on the Company's recently formed Special Strategic Committee will be paid an additional \$1,000 for each day such non-management director personally attends a meeting of the Company's Special Strategic Committee. In addition, the chairman of the Compensation Committee, as well as the chairman of the Governance/Nominating Committee, will each be paid an additional \$500 per month. Finally, Dr. Joseph Penbera, as lead director, Audit chairman and Chairman of the Special Strategic Committee currently receives an annualized fee of \$86,000, will be paid an additional annualized fee of \$34,000 for such service, payable on a monthly basis, with such fee to terminate upon the earlier of the date of the Company's next annual meeting or the date upon which the Board approves the dissolution of its Special Strategic Committee.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 11, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Board's recently formed Special Strategic Committee has retained UBS Investment Bank to assist in exploring various strategic options available to the Company and will also continue to use the financial advisory services of Financo, Inc. A copy of the Company's press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release issued by Gottschalks Inc., on December 11, 2006.

### 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 thereunto duly authorized.

	<u>Gottschalks Inc.</u> (Registrant)
December 11, 2006	By: <u>/s/ James R. Famalette</u> James R. Famalette President and Chief Executive Officer
December 11, 2006	By: <u>/s/ J. Gregory Ambro</u> J. Gregory Ambro

Chief Financial Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated December 11, 2006. Also provided in PDF format as a courtesy.