# 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

February 15, 2012
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

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# BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 0-18710 94-3076866

(Commission File (IRS Employer No.) Identification No.)

3303 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell, WA 98021 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(425) 402-1400 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Director or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On February 15, 2012 the Board of Directors of the Company granted Daphne Taylor, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, an option to purchase 250,000 shares of the Company's common stock, exercisable at the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. The option vests vest 25% on the first anniversary of the date of the grant and one-thirty sixth of the remaining balance thereof in each of the ensuing 36 months following the first anniversary date of the grant.

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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.

### BIOLIFE SOLUTIONS, INC.

Date: February 17, 2012 By: /s/ Daphne Taylor

Daphne Taylor

Chief Financial Officer