



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 7, 2005

UNIFIRST CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Massachusetts  

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*(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or Organization)*

1-8504  

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*(Commission File Number)*

04-2103460  

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*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

68 Jonspin Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887  
*(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)*

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 658-8888

Not Applicable  
*(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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On July 7, 2005, the Board of Directors of UniFirst Corporation (the "Company"), elected Robert F. Collings to the Board of Directors as a Class I Director, effective immediately.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Collings and any other persons pursuant to which he was selected as a director.

There is no transaction, or series of similar transactions, since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year, or any currently proposed transaction, or series of similar transactions, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was or is to be a party, in which the amount involved exceeds \$60,000 and in which Mr. Collings had, or will have, a direct or indirect material interest.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<b>EXHIBIT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
99.1	Press release issued by UniFirst Corporation on July 13, 2005

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**UNIFIRST CORPORATION**

Date: July 13, 2005

By: /s/ Ronald D. Croatti  
Name: Ronald D. Croatti  
Title: Chairman of the Board, Chief  
Executive Officer and President

By: /s/ John B. Bartlett  
Name: John B. Bartlett  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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**News Release**

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**UniFirst Corporation Proudly Announces the Addition of Robert Collings  
to its Board of Directors**

WILMINGTON, MA., July 13, 2005 — UniFirst Corporation (NYSE: UNF) Ronald D. Croatti, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors announced today that Robert F. Collings, an entrepreneur and businessman who founded and served as CEO of two successful high-technology companies, has joined UniFirst's Board of Directors.

Mr. Collings was founder, President and CEO of Resource Dynamics Inc. (RDI), developer of a proprietary Unix-based Facilities Asset Planning and Management System. RDI was established in 1981 and acquired by a Canadian company in 1984. Prior to that, Mr. Collings was co-founder, CEO and President of Data Terminal Systems (DTS), one of the largest retail business control system companies in the world. During his tenure as leader of DTS, it made the *Inc. Magazine's* 100 fastest growing companies list several times, ranking #39 in sales growth and #2 in profitability. Currently, Mr. Collings is on the President's Council of Mass. General Hospital, Board of Advisors of New Boston Real Estate Fund and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Daniel Webster College.

"We are pleased and proud to have Bob Collings join our team", said Mr. Croatti. "Bob has a tremendous amount of business acumen and his vast store of professional knowledge and experience will allow him to make a significant contribution to our future growth and success." UniFirst is one of the largest providers of workplace uniforms, protective clothing and facility services products in North America. The Company employs 9,000 team partners who serve more than 175,000 customer locations in 46 states, Canada and Europe from 175 manufacturing, distribution and customer service facilities.

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for certain forward-looking statements. For a discussion of such risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements see "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the most recently ended fiscal year.