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 December 18, 2014 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) The Hershey Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-183 23-0691590 (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) 100 Crystal A Drive, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 534-4200 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 ٢1 Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 18, 2014, The Hershey Company (the "Company") appointed Richard M. McConville as its interim principal financial officer, effective January 1, 2015. Mr. McConville will also continue to serve as the Company's Chief Accounting Officer.

Mr. McConville, 61, has served as the Company's Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer since July 2012. Previously, he served as the Company's Corporate Controller from June 2011 to June 2012. Mr. McConville joined the Company in April 2007 as Director, International Controller.

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.

THE HERSHEY COMPANY

Date: December 22, 2014

By: /s/ Leslie M. Turner

Leslie M. Turner

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary