

**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 6, 2017

**WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware  
(State of other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-27266  
(Commission  
File Number)

36-3154957  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

750 North Commons Drive, Aurora, Illinois  
(Address of principal executive offices)

60504  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (630) 898-2500

N/A

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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 March 6, 2017, the Board of Directors of Westell Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Cary B. Wood, age 50, to the Company’s the Board of Directors. Mr. Wood will serve as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. At the same time, the Board of Directors announced that Martin D. Hernandez, a Board member since 2009, was stepping down from the Board of Directors effective March 6, 2017.

Mr. Wood serves as member of the Audit and Compensation Committees of the Board of Directors of Broadwind Energy (NASDAQ: BWEN), a precision manufacturer of structures, equipment and components for clean tech and other specialized applications, since May 2016. Mr. Wood also serves on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors of Vishay Precision Group, Inc. (NYSE: VPG), an internationally-recognized designer, manufacturer and marketer of resistive foil technology, sensors, and sensor-based systems to niche, industrial applications, since March 2016. Mr. Wood served as President, Chief Executive Officer, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Sparton Corporation (NYSE: SPA), a global manufacturer of complex and regulated electronic services as well as engineering products in the medical, avionics, industrial and defense sectors, from November 2008 until February 2016. From August 2004 until November 2008, Mr. Wood served as Interim Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer and Group Vice President for Citation Corporation (now known as Grede Holdings, LLC), a privately held manufacturer of innovative metal components for the automotive, industrial and commercial marketplaces. Mr. Wood began his career with General Motors Corporation, followed by a move to United Technologies Corporation where he served in a variety of general management, operations and engineering roles. Mr. Wood received a Bachelor of Science degree in Technology from Purdue University, a Master of Science degree in Industrial Operations from the School of Management at Lawrence Tech University, and a Master of Business Administration degree in Finance from Loyola University-Chicago.

In connection with his appointment to the Board, Mr. Wood received a grant of 20,000 restricted shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock. This award vests on the first anniversary of the grant date. Mr. Wood will also receive the same compensation as other non-employee directors of the Company. A description of the Company’s director compensation plan is included in the Company’s proxy statement for the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on August 2, 2016, under the heading “Director Compensation.”

A copy of the press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Wood to the Board is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01      FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

- 99.1      Press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Wood to the Board.
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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.

WESTELL TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Date: March 8, 2017

By: /s/ Thomas P. Minichiello \_\_\_\_\_

Thomas P. Minichiello  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,  
Treasurer and Secretary



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Cary B. Wood joins Westell's Board of Directors**

**AURORA, Ill., March 8, 2017** - Westell Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: WSTL), a leading provider of high-performance wireless infrastructure solutions, announced today that Cary B. Wood, former President and Chief Executive Officer of Sparton Corporation, has been appointed to Westell's Board of Directors. Mr. Wood will serve as a member of the Audit Committee. Martin D. Hernandez, a Westell board member since 2009, is stepping down from the board.

Mr. Wood served as President, Chief Executive Officer, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Sparton Corporation, a global manufacturer of complex and regulated electronic services as well as engineering products in the medical, avionics, industrial, and defense sectors. During Mr. Wood's tenure, Sparton's market capitalization doubled for four straight years, bringing shareholders a nearly 2000% return from 2009 to 2013. He also served as Interim Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, and Group Vice President for Citation Corporation, a privately held \$1 billion manufacturer of innovative metal components for the automotive, industrial, and commercial marketplaces.

In addition, Mr. Wood has served as Vice President of Operations for North and South America with Formica Corporation, a global provider of residential and commercial surface solutions, as well as Executive Vice President, Vice President of Operations and Division Vice President for the Elkay Division of Elkay Manufacturing Company.

"Cary is a highly accomplished business leader with a demonstrated track record of improving shareholder value in turnaround situations," said Kirk Brannock, President and CEO of Westell Technologies. "We believe Cary's expertise, energy, and focus will be instrumental in positioning the Company for profitable growth. Westell is currently in a strong financial position and we are extremely positive about the future. We look forward to his contributions to the Westell Board of Directors.

"We are indebted to Marty Hernandez for his service to Westell," Brannock continued. "He has brought significant business acumen to Westell, most recently as a member of the Audit Committee and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee."

Mr. Wood began his career at the Delphi auto-parts unit of General Motors Corporation and later served as General Manager and Plant Manager with United Technologies Automotive. He is on the board of Broadwind Energy, an energy industry industrial components firm, and Vishay Precision Group, a precision sensors firm. Mr. Wood received a Master of Business Administration from Loyola University School of Business, a Master of Science in Industrial Operations from Lawrence Technological University School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Technology from Purdue University School of Technology.

Mr. Wood is the second appointment to Westell's Board of Directors in 2017. In January, Mark A. Zorko, a principal with executive management and business support services firm Brentwood Advisory, LLC, joined the board as Chair of the Audit Committee.

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**About Westell Technologies**

Westell is a leading provider of high-performance wireless infrastructure solutions focused on innovation and differentiation at the edge of communication networks where end users connect. The Company's comprehensive set of products and solutions enable service providers and network operators to improve performance and reduce operating expenses. With millions of products successfully deployed worldwide, Westell is a trusted partner for transforming networks into high quality, reliable systems. For more information, please visit [westell.com](http://westell.com).

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