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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): November 23, 2018

**AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING  
HOLDINGS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-14303

(Commission File Number)

38-3161171

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Dauch Drive, Detroit, Michigan

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48211-1198

(Zip Code)

(313) 758-2000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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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## SECTION 5 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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

On November 23, 2018, the Board of Directors of American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings, Inc. ("AAM") elected Sandra Pierce as an independent director of the Board. Ms. Pierce will serve as a Class III director for a term expiring on the date of AAM's 2020 annual meeting of stockholders.

Ms. Pierce is eligible to participate in AAM's compensation arrangements for non-employee directors, as described in AAM's definitive proxy statement for its 2018 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on March 22, 2018.

## SECTION 8 - OTHER EVENTS

### Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 26, 2018, AAM issued a press release announcing the election of a new board member. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

## SECTION 9 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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<a href="#">99.1</a>	Press Release Dated November 26, 2018
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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.

### AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: November 26, 2018

By: /s/ David E. Barnes  
David E. Barnes  
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary



**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **AAM Names Sandra Pierce to Board of Directors**

**DETROIT - Nov. 26, 2018** - American Axle & Manufacturing (NYSE: AXL) has named Sandra (Sandy) Pierce to its Board of Directors. Pierce is the Sr. Executive Vice President, Private Client Group and Regional Banking Director and Chairman of Michigan for Huntington National Bank

“Sandy has vast financial knowledge and an outstanding commitment to Detroit and to Michigan,” said David C. Dauch, Chairman and CEO, AAM. “We look forward to Sandy’s insight and experience and welcome her to the AAM family.”

Pierce joined Huntington in 2016 after the FirstMerit merger and leads the following corporate-wide revenue segments: Huntington Private Bank, Huntington Insurance Agency, Huntington Auto Finance and RV/Marine. Pierce also has management responsibility for Huntington’s Community Development initiatives and Huntington’s Regional Presidents across its eight-state footprint. Pierce is Chair of Huntington Bank Michigan.

Prior to joining FirstMerit, Pierce was Midwest Regional Executive, President and CEO for Charter One Bank, Michigan and a Regional Executive for JPMorgan Chase. Pierce began her career at NBD Bank.

Full director bios are available at [aam.com](http://aam.com)

### **About AAM**

American Axle & Manufacturing (AAM) (NYSE: AXL) is a premier, global leader in design, engineering, validation and manufacturing of driveline, metal forming, powertrain, and casting technologies for automotive, commercial and industrial markets. Headquartered in Detroit, AAM has over 25,000 associates operating at more than 90 facilities in 17 countries to support our customers on global and regional platforms with a focus on quality, operational excellence and technology leadership. To learn more, visit [www.aam.com](http://www.aam.com).

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