Walsh Jeffrey T. Form 4 February 05, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Walsh Jeffrey T.

(First) (Middle)

C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC., 60

BINNEY STREET

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol bluebird bio, Inc. [BLUE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

02/01/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

_X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify below) below)

Chief Financial / and Strategy Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

4. Securities Acquired

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

5. Amount of

Securities

(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

(Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

02/01/2018 A 11,250 Α \$0 35,495 Stock (1)

Code

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 205.25	02/01/2018		A	45,000	(2)	02/01/2028	Common Stock	45,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Walsh Jeffrey T. C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

Chief Financial and Strategy Officer

Signatures

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-Fact

02/05/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock units for common stock vest over a four-year period at a rate of 25% on 01/04/2019, 25% on 01/04/2020, 25% on 01/04/2021, and 25% on 01/04/2022.
- (2) This option vests over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on January 4, 2019, and in 36 equal monthly installments. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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