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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Walsh Jeffrey T.</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O BLUEBIRD BIO, INC. 60 BINNEY STREET  (Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02142  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>bluebird bio, Inc. [ BLUE ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)  <u>Chief Financial / and Strategy Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/10/2018</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/10/2018		M		1,500	A	\$24.47	36,995	D	
Common Stock	09/10/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		501	D	\$149.2211 <sup>(2)</sup>	36,494	D	
Common Stock	09/10/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		700	D	\$150.2357 <sup>(3)</sup>	35,495	D	
Common Stock	09/10/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		299	D	\$151.5667 <sup>(4)</sup>	35,495	D	

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

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$24.47	09/10/2018		M			1,500	(5)	03/03/2024	Common Stock	1,500	\$0.00	23,521	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on July 2, 2018.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$149.00 to \$149.75. The average weighted price was \$149.2211. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$150.00 to \$150.65. The average weighted price was \$150.2357. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- The range of prices for the transaction reported on this line was \$151.45 to \$151.70. The average weighted price was \$151.5667. The reporting person will provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This option vested over a four-year period, at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on January 1, 2015 and in 36 equal monthly installments thereafter.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Jason F. Cole, Attorney-in-Fact 09/12/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* 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).

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