## 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): June 15, 2021  bluebird bio, Inc.  (Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
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|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Delaware                           | 001-35966                | 13-3680878                           |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) |                                    | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
|   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 60 Binney Street,<br>Cambridge, MA |                          | 02142                                |
|   | (Address of Principal Executive Offices)   |  | (Zip Code)                                 |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   | Registra   | ant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (339) 4   | 99-9300                                    |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
| Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   | ck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K<br>wing provisions (see General Instructions A. | If filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing oblique. 2. below):                       | gation of the registrant under any of the  |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   | Written communications pursuant to Rule  | e 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   | Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-2   | 12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   | Pre-commencement communications pur  | rsuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 2   | 240.14d-2(b))                              |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   | Pre-commencement communications pur  | rsuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 2   | 40.13e-4(c))                               |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
| Secu  | rities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of   | the Act:   |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   | Title of each class  | Trading<br>Symbol(s)   | Name of each exchange on which registered  |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   | Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share   | BLUE   | The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC                |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
| chap<br>Emer  | ter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange rging growth company $\square$                 | an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the e Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
|   |  | d pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. □   | transmon period for complying with any new |  |  |  |  |  |                                    |                          |                                      |
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## Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

On June 15, 2021, bluebird bio, Inc. (the "Company") held its previously announced Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Meeting"), at which a quorum was present. At the Meeting, the stockholders of the Company voted on the proposals as follows: (i) John O. Agwunobi, M.D., Daniel S. Lynch, and William R. Sellers, M.D. as Class II members of the Board to serve until the Company's 2024 annual meeting of stockholders ("Proposal 1"); (ii) to approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers ("Proposal 2"); (iii) the frequency of future non-binding advisory votes on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers ("Proposal 3"); (iv) to approve an amendment to the Company's 2013 Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("Proposal 4"), and (v) ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 ("Proposal 5").

The Company's stockholders re-elected the three persons listed below as Class II directors pursuant to Proposal 1. The voting results were as follows:

|                          | <u>Votes For</u> | <u>Votes Against</u> | <u>Abstentions</u> | Broker Non-Votes |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| John O. Agwunobi, M.D.   | 30,724,366       | 10,266,016           | 117,556            | 8,990,117        |
| Daniel S. Lynch          | 39,876,650       | 1,109,554            | 121,734            | 8,990,117        |
| William R. Sellers, M.D. | 40,679,679       | 306,213              | 122,046            | 8,990,117        |

The Company's stockholders approved Proposal 2 in a non-binding advisory vote. The voting results were as follows:

 Votes For
 Votes Against
 Abstentions
 Broker Non-Votes

 38,890,700
 1,971,886
 245,352
 8,990,117

The Company's stockholders voted once every year for Proposal 3. The voting results were as follows:

<u>1 Year</u> <u>2 Years</u> <u>3 Years</u> <u>Abstentions</u> 40,627,097 146,506 274,171 60,164

The Company's stockholders approved Proposal 4. The voting results were as follows:

 Votes For
 Votes Against
 Abstentions
 Broker Non-Votes

 40,467,196
 557,457
 83,285
 8,990,117

The Company's stockholders approved Proposal 5. The voting results were as follows:

 Votes For
 Votes Against
 Abstentions
 Broker Non-Votes

 49,526,131
 453,658
 118,266
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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.

Date: June 17, 2021 bluebird bio, Inc.

By: /s/ Jason F. Cole

Jason F. Cole

Chief Operating and Legal Officer