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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: April 12, 2006

GENTEX CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Michigan (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-10235 (Commission File Number)	38-2030505 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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600 North Centennial Street Zeeland, Michigan (Address of principal executive offices)	49464 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (616) 772-1800

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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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SECTION 5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

- (b) Gentex Corporation has announced that the Company's Executive Vice President Garth Deur is departing the Company to pursue other opportunities as of April 12, 2006.
- (c) In addition, effective April 12, 2006, the Company's Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer Enoch Jen has been promoted to Senior Vice President and retains the role of Chief Financial Officer.

Based upon an agreement reached and formalized with the Company on April 7, 2006, the Company also announced the appointment of Steve Dykman, 40, as the Company's Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer, effective upon Mr. Jen's previously announced plan to retire as the Company's Chief Financial Officer effective January 2, 2007. Mr. Dykman has served as the Company's Treasurer and Director of Accounting and Finance since November 2002, and previously served as the Company's Controller since November 1995.

Mr. Dykman has no family relationships with any director or executive officer of the Company.

Mr. Dykman does not have a written employment agreement and will be an at-will employee as is the case with all employees of the Company. He will receive a base salary of \$145,000, and will be eligible for a profit-sharing bonus and a discretionary bonus, which

bonuses and grants are available to all salaried employees and officers generally and which in operation provide for the same method of allocation of benefits between management and non-management participants. In addition, it will be recommended that he receive a 12,000-share stock option grant and a restricted stock grant of 5,000 shares at his next regularly scheduled grant date at the end of the fourth quarter of 2006, subject to the approval of the Company's Compensation Committee. There is no other arrangement or understanding pursuant to which he was selected as Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer effective January 2, 2007.

A copy of the Corporation's News Release concerning this announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

SECTION 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d). Exhibit 99.1.

News Release Dated April 12, 2006.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 12, 2006

GENTEX CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By /s/ Fred Bauer

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Fred Bauer  
Its Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 News Release Dated April 12, 2006.

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RELEASE: April 12, 2006

#### GENTEX ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS AND CHANGES

ZEELAND, Michigan, April 12, 2006 -- Gentex Corporation, the Zeeland, Michigan-based manufacturer of automatic-dimming rearview mirrors and commercial fire protection products, today announced that the Company's Executive Vice President Garth Deur is departing the Company to pursue other opportunities. In addition, effective immediately, the Company's Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer Enoch Jen has been promoted to Senior Vice President and retains the role of Chief Financial Officer. The Company also announced the appointment of Steve Dykman as the Company's Vice President - Finance and Chief Financial Officer, upon Jen's previously announced plan to retire effective January 2, 2007.

"While we are sad to see Garth leave, we have appreciated his valuable contributions at the Company over the past five years and wish him success in his future endeavors," said Gentex Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Fred Bauer. "We do wish him well."

"We were, unfortunately, unable to reach a mutually agreeable solution to Garth's short- and long-term compensation requirements, as an integral part of our culture mandates that all team members share in the financial opportunities and sacrifices alike at the Company - just as our shareholders and other employees do."

In connection with the earlier announcement on February 21, 2006, that Jen had informed the Company of his plans to retire effective January 2, 2007, Steve Dykman, the Company's Treasurer and Director of Accounting and Finance, has been appointed to the position of Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial Officer, effective January 2, 2007. Bauer said that Dykman joined the Company over twelve years ago as Finance and Tax Manager and has steadily assumed increasing responsibilities within the Company.

"We are pleased that Steve has accepted this key position and look forward to a smooth transition and the continued high quality of accounting and financial reporting at Gentex," said Bauer.

Dykman graduated from Ferris State University, obtained his CPA Certificate, and worked as Tax Manager at Gantos, Inc. prior to joining the Company.

Jen is expected to remain at the Company through this management transition.

A conference call related to this news release will be simulcast live on the Internet beginning at 8:15 a.m (EDST) April 13, 2006. To access that call, go to <http://www.gentex.com> and select the "Audio Webcast" icon in the lower right-hand corner of the page. Other conference calls hosted by the Company will also be available at that site in the future.

Founded in 1974, Gentex Corporation (Nasdaq: GNTX) is an international company that provides high-quality products to the worldwide automotive industry and North American fire protection market. Based in Zeeland, Michigan, the Company develops, manufactures and markets interior and exterior automatic-dimming automotive rearview mirrors that utilize proprietary electrochromic technology to dim in proportion to the amount of headlight glare from trailing vehicle headlamps. Many of the mirrors are sold with advanced electronic features, and approximately 95 percent of the Company's revenues are derived from the sales of auto-dimming mirrors to nearly every major automaker in the world.