STEELCASE INC Form SC 13G January 27, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)* Steelcase Inc.

> (Name of Issuer) Class A Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities) 858 155 20 3

> (CUSIP Number) December 31, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- o Rule 13d-1(c)
- b Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP No. 858155 20 3

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

IRS Identification Nos. of the above persons (entities only)

Robert C. Pew III

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

2

(a) o

(b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

United States of America

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 4,406,863

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY 6

OWNED BY 274,739

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 7

PERSON 1,675,435

WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

3,006,167

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

4,681,602

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

5.7%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

12

IN

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Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer.

Steelcase Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer s Principal Executive Offices.

901 44 Street, SE

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing.

Robert C. Pew III

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence.

901 44 Street, SE

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508

(c) Citizenship.

United States of America

(d) Title of Class of Securities.

Class A Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number.

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) o Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) o Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) o Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) o Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). Page 3 of 7 Pages

- (e) o An investment advisor in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) o An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) o A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) o A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) o A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) o Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

4.681.602

(b) Percent of class:

5.7%

- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 4,406,863
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 274,739
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 1,675,435
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 3,006,167

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The number of shares reported above includes (i) 4,527,351 shares of Class B Common Stock of the Issuer which are immediately convertible into an equal number of shares of Class A Common Stock at the option of the holder and (ii) 154,251 shares of Class A Common Stock, 28,703 of which are subject to issuance pursuant to options which are exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2008. If shares of Class B Common Stock are transferred to any person other than a Permitted Transferee (as defined in the Issuer's Second Restated Articles of Incorporation), such shares are automatically converted on a share-for-share basis into shares of Class A Common Stock. Shares of Class B Common Stock of the Issuer except that each share of Class B Common Stock entitles the holder thereof to ten votes on all matters upon which Shareholders have a right to vote and each share of Class A Common Stock entitles the holder thereof to one vote on such matters.

If all the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock of the Issuer were converted into shares of Class A Common Stock, Mr. Pew III would be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 3.5% of the Class A Common Stock.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following o.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Of the shares reported in Item 4 above, (i) 269,942 shares are held by trusts for the benefit of members of Mr. Pew s family, of which trusts Mr. Pew is trustee, (ii) 274,239 shares are held by trusts for the benefit of members of Mr. Pew s family, of which trusts Mr. Pew is a co-trustee, (iii) 2,731,428 shares are held by trusts for the benefit of Mr. Pew, of which trusts Mr. Pew serves as a co-trustee, (iv) 534,400 shares are held by a foundation, of which shares Mr. Pew has sole voting and investment authority, and (v) 500 shares held by Mr. Pew s wife.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

N/A

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Item 10. Certification

N/A

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 27, 2009

/s/ Liesl A. Maloney

Robert C. Pew III

By: Liesl A. Maloney Attorney-in-Fact *

* Pursuant to the Power of

Attorney, dated March 1, 2006

filed as

Exhibit 24.1 to

the Form 4 filed

by Robert C.

Pew III with the

Securities and

Exchange

Commission on

March 14, 2006,

which is hereby

incorporated by

reference.

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