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## Beaty: Wasn't opposed to whole employee list

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District 4 Walker County Board of Education member Dustin Beaty clarified his vote against a list of professional teachers by saying he was not opposed to all of them, but also stated he wanted objective hiring standards and a "standard of communication" between the board and the superintendent.

Beaty and District 3 member Bill Edd Gilbert voted Monday against the list of professional hirings presented at that day's board meeting. The hirings passed 3-2, while hirings for support positions, as well as for resignations, retirements and leaves of absence, passed unanimously.

"The way the list was presented (Monday) night was in such a way we had to accept or reject the entire list," Beaty said. "That entire list was not necessarily the teachers I was opposed to."

He did not narrow down the position or positions which had had found objection to.

In brief comments Tues-

day afternoon, Beaty, who was also in the center of a hiring controversy recently concerning the principal of Dora High School, discussed a need to improve hiring practices.

"There are some things as board members I'd like to see happen in hiring practices," Beaty said. "I'd like to see an objective hiring standard where the interview process is the same for every person applying for a job, where every school handles hiring procedures the same way."

He said he would like to see where "the recommendations are consistently made by principals so we can get the most qualified person for every position we hire."

"I feel like if we have a policy in place, it's not enforced consistently," Beaty said.

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record," he said.

"I would also like to see all board members, as well as the superintendent, follow the policies of the Walker County Board of Education and the state code of Alabama," he said.

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