Sec. 3. The members of the Board shall receive no salary, but actual expenses incurred in attend- No salary. ing meetings of the Board, and they are authorized to employ clerical assistance when necessary; the Treasurer, upon the warrant of the Comptroller, is hereby authorized to pay to the President Pay President of the Board such amount, not exceeding one and clerk. thousand dollars per annum, as he shall show to be due for these necessary expenses.

Sec. 4. The Board of State School Commissioners shall, to the best of their ability, cause the provisions of this law to be carried into effect, and may, Board. if necessary, institute legal proceedings for that purpose, with the direction and advice of the Attorney General; they shall explain the true intent Explain. and meaning of the law, and they shall decide without expense to the parties concerned, all controversies and disputes that may arise under it.

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Sec. 5. They shall have the general care and supervision of the Public School interests of the State; shall act as the assistants and advisers of the various County Boards, and shall, from time to time, issue circular letters to teachers and commissioners on topics connected with the administration of the Public Schools.'

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Sec. 6. In order to insure uniformity in the statistical reports of the Public Schools, they shall issue a uniform series of blanks for the use of Uniformity. teachers and of County Boards, and shall require all accounts to be kept and returns to be made according to these forms.

Sec. 7. They shall, when requested by the Board of County School Commissioners, examine candi- Examine candates for the office of County Examiner, and give didates. a certificate of qualification.

Sec. 8. They may grant to teachers of long experience and established reputation professional Grant certificertificates, which shall be valid until revoked for cates. cause.

Sec. 9. The Board of State School Commissioners shall be ex officio Trustees of the State Normal School, and the Principal of the State Trustees. Normal School shall be ex officio a Trustee of the State Agricultural College.

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