

OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
December 15, 2016

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B. Appointment for Standing Commission on School District Efficiency

S.B. 2761 as passed during the 2012 Regular Legislative Session:

“The State Board of Education is hereby authorized to establish a Standing Commission on School District Efficiency. The commission shall meet and study the operations, rules, policies and regulations in school districts on an ongoing basis for the purpose of identifying opportunities to increase efficiencies, and to determine appropriate efficiency standards that should be considered for accreditation standards. The commission shall report annually its findings and recommendations to the State Board of Education, and the State Board of Education may make its report and recommendations annually to the Legislature seeking legislative support to achieve efficiencies in school districts. In establishing the Standing Commission on School District Efficiency the State Board of Education shall provide that the membership not be less than six (6) members. The State Board of Education shall appoint school district employees proficient in the areas of fiscal management, procurement, data processing or other fields of school business, with at least one (1) member being appointed from each congressional district. The commission shall meet on a date designated by the State Superintendent of Education and organize by selecting a chairman and adopt rules for conducting business. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses from any available funds for attending official meetings of the commission. The State Department of Education shall provide necessary administrative and clerical support for the functions of the commission.”

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Stephen May: Business Manager, Forrest County Agricultural High School

An accomplished accounting executive with 18 years of experience in corporate business, governmental accounting and finance, budgeting, forecasting, and efficiency.

Stephen has been married for 9 years to his wife, Jennifer. They have 4 children, Tanner, Cooper, Parker, and Isabella. They reside in Forrest County, south of Hattiesburg, and enjoy remaining busy with plenty of sports and activities.

In 1998, Stephen began his career in the newspaper industry in the Hattiesburg American Circulation Department. This is where he gained the hands on knowledge that would assist him in advancing his career with Gannett over the next 10 years. He attributes this experience to enabling him to maximize resources in an industry that was in a period of transition from the traditional printed newspaper to an unknown future.

In 2006, Stephen made the decision to pursue his B.S. in Accounting at the University of Southern Mississippi. During this time he was offered the opportunity to accept the position of Controller for the Clarion Ledger and Hattiesburg American. As Controller, he utilized his experience and knowledge to maximize resources throughout the company. Stephen transferred his credits to Mississippi College where he would graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in 2009.

January 1, 2009, Stephen began his career as the Business Manager at Forrest County Agricultural High School. Over the past 8 years, Stephen has expanded his knowledge of public education and attributes his wealth of knowledge to being able to have the hands on approach in a wide variety of areas that working for a smaller school district affords him.

Stephen embraces the new challenges and opportunities that he is able to face on a daily basis, while looking forward to many more years of enabling the children of Mississippi to receive the quality education they deserve and need.