

Pete Hodges - 2012



Pete Hodges retired in December, 2002 from the Greeneville, Tennessee City School system after 32 years of service, 24 of which were at Greeneville High School. He began his career at South junior High School in Johnson City from June of 1971 to 1973. In 1973 he accepted a position at Greeneville Middle School where he worked until he accepted the Greeneville High position in 1979.

Pete's bands achieved significant success under his leadership. His marching band was never smaller than 140 members from a school of 700 students. The band earned consistent superior ratings in marching competition, and was always commended for its fine band sound. His concert band earned superior ratings in grade VI competition.

Following his retirement, Pete served as a consultant to the Niswonger Foundation in Greeneville, helping to launch new band programs in Greene County. In the 2003-2004 school year he started the first of Greene County's new band programs at Mosheim Middle School. Those students went on to West Greene High School where they have achieved significant success under their current director, Matt Williams.

In January of 2003, he was asked to teach the non-majors in the trumpet studio at East Tennessee State University. He was also asked to teach courses in Beginning Band and Marching Band Methods. Pete is currently an adjunct faculty member at East Tennessee State University where he supervises student teachers. He also teaches a private brass studio. He has served as a clinician and adjudicator in East Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, and South Carolina. He is willing to mentor young band directors whenever asked.

Pete has served ETSB&OA in a variety of roles. He was first elected Upper Area Representative in 1973 and later was elected Secretary. In 1986 he was selected by the board of directors to be Executive Secretary-Treasurer, a position he still holds. When Pete became treasurer the association finances were in serious trouble — the association was nearly bankrupt. Pete was able to quickly bring accountability to the treasurer's position and today the ETSB&OA is on very sound financial footing.

Pete has degrees from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City. He is a member of several professional organizations including the National Association for Music Education and the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association. He and his wife Libby have two children and four grandchildren.