Rick Wagoner is currently in his 4th year as a District Manager with Paige’s Music located in Indianapolis, Indiana. Before starting a second career with Paige’s, Rick taught for 30 years most recently serving 21 years as a Band Director and 19 years as Department Chair with the Avon Community School Corporation in Avon, Indiana.  Prior to accepting the position at Avon, he served as director of bands at Belzer Middle School in Lawrence Township and John Marshall Middle School in the Indianapolis Public Schools. He has served as the President of the Hendricks Symphonic Society as well as Music Minister with Chapelwood Baptist church and currently plays percussion and drum set at Plainfield Christian Church.

Mr. Wagoner began his teaching career while in college at Murray State University teaching drumlines throughout the Western Kentucky area.  This is where he also received his Bachelor of Music Education all music degree.  He has continued his education through the music departments of Butler University, Ball State University and Indiana University/ Purdue University Indianapolis.

Mr. Wagoner is a member of Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia professional music fraternity and the National Band Association.  He has participated in the CIESC Teacher Leadership Academy and is listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." He has been selected as an “Unsung Hero” by Fox 59 and has a chapter written about him in Charthouse publication’s “Schools of Fish!” by Phillip Strand. John Christensen and Andy Halper which is based on the renowned FISH! Philosophy and FISH! For Schools.

Bands under Mr. Wagoner’s direction consistently received superior ratings on the concert stage. Throughout his teaching career, he took over 140 separate elementary and middle school bands to compete in the ISSMA Junior High band division.  While teaching beginning band in Avon, Mr. Wagoner started an average of 200 beginning band students per year helping to grow the instrumental music program in Avon to over 1000 students.

Professional performance affiliations for Mr. Wagoner include the Heartland Big Band, The Park Avenue Band, the Indianapolis Brass Choir, Indianapolis Civic Theatre, The Jazz Torino, The Westwinds Big Band, The New Ventures Big band, Blue Thunder Entertainment and Kentucky Kingdom Amusement Park.

Mr. Wagoner, and his lovely wife, Karen, reside in Avon, Indiana. Karen recently retired after a 33.5 year career most recently as the band director at Avon Middle School South. Rick and Karen have three children, Abigail, Isabel and their adopted son Rick.  He and Karen are also the proud parents of 9 dogs and 1 cat.