



Rod retired from his position as elementary school principal for the Whiting Sudbury Learning Academy in Central Vermont in 2018. He previously retired from AuSable Valley High School in 2016, after 32 years of teaching U.S. History, U.S. government, economics, personal finance and psychology, regularly using music in his classroom to enhance his student's learning.

He is the former president of the AuSable Valley Teachers Association and is the retired, long time president of the Peru Central School Board of Education. Rod has served as Vice President for legislative action for RENY and is currently the Legislative Action Chairman for NEZ.

Rod's numerous op eds on education, politics and economics have appeared in the The Burlington Free Press, Plattsburgh Press Republican, the NY Times, NY Daily News and the Albany Times Union. He's also working on a book focused on teaching financial literacy to teenagers and a memoir of his career as an educator.

Rod's a musician, performer and builder of musical instruments (guitar, dulcimer). He has a wide repertoire, playing solo and in two bands. Rod has 5 CD recordings and is working on a solo album.

As a retired coach, he still keeps involved in high school sports as the announcer for the NY State cross country running championships award ceremony in the fall.

He loves spending time travelling with his partner Rachel and visiting with his daughter and grandsons.

