

**DUMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**Agenda Item Number – 11**

**Agenda Item Subject – Globe News Center for Performing Arts: WOWW**

**Presenter – Larry Appel**

**Additional Pages – None**

**Meeting Date – April 5, 2010**

## **DISCUSSION**

**Background Information:**

The Globe News Center for the Performing Arts has developed a collaborative partnership between educators, arts, science and cultural organizations to benefit elementary students in the Texas Panhandle. This program became a reality as the result of a vision of those individuals involved in the Center who were committed to providing educational and cultural opportunities to students and adults in our area. The program is entitled Window On a Wider World (WOWW).

Ali Tiegs, Executive Director of WOWW, presented the program to DISD elementary principals and outlined benefits to students in grades K-5. The program is based upon the district or other organizations providing \$5 per student in grades K-5, which in turn allows participation in programs provided by 32 organizations. Some of the programs are cost free; others carry a fee per student which is covered by the \$5 fee unless the program cost exceeds \$5 and then the amount above \$5 would be paid by the student, school, or PTO.

For several years, elementary students in Dumas have gone on field trips to many of the organizations making up the WOWW program with the fee, if any, being provided by the student, parents or campus PTO. The benefit to the district's participation in the WOWW program is that of providing enrichment opportunities to our students along with supporting the Center for the Performing Arts. Many of our students lack experiences that enable them to make real world connections and the WOWW program provides that avenue.

The funding requirements would amount to around \$12,500 for the 2010-11 school year. The Dumas Education Foundation has indicated their desire to share with the district in funding the program. If the board has interest, the campus PTO's will be provided the opportunity to participate, maybe at the level of \$500 each.

Ali Tiegs will be present to provide the presentation and will show a short video of the program. If there is interest, the item will be placed on the April 26<sup>th</sup> agenda for action.