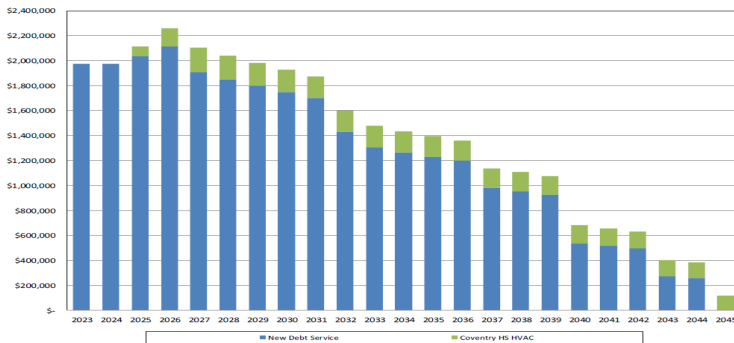


Explanatory Text prepared pursuant to CGS Sec. 9-369b.

Question: “Shall the resolution making an appropriation of \$11,070,000 for HVAC replacements, improvements and repairs at Coventry High School, be approved? YES _____ NO _____”

On January 10, 2023 the above question will be on the ballot of an adjourned Town Meeting for consideration. The proposed project focuses on upgrading the HVAC systems at Coventry High School with a code compliant system to replace the existing classroom unit ventilators with quieter, more energy efficient, enhanced circulation and outside air, and ability to circulate chilled air. Please see the sidebar for proposed scope of work. The first interest and principal payments for the bond will be included in the proposed FY 2024-2025 budget, and if approved, will be partially offset by retiring debt. According to our Financial Advisor the debt portion of that year’s proposed budget attributable to this project will have a mil rate impact on taxes of approximately .072 mil. This equates to a \$12.72 annual impact on the median household (assessed value of \$176,890). If this question does not pass the debt portion of the budget could be reduced in that year. \$2.1 million is needed to complete the HVAC project regardless if this project proceeds. As noted, this project includes roof top units in future capital budget years estimated at \$500,000.

Debt Impact Chart – CHS HVAC Project



What happens if this question does not pass? *The Town Council will need to call another question to allow the excess roof funds to be repurposed to allow the classroom unit ventilators to proceed this summer with the remainder of the high school roof (duct work to be installed by roofer).*

What happens if the question passes and we don’t get the grant? *The Town Council has committed that they will only continue with the original scope of work to replace the classroom unit ventilators.*

Proposed Scope of Work

A new State Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) grant was adopted with the FY 23 State Budget which provides towns with the opportunity for school air improvements. Coventry has submitted an application for a grant (pending) for over \$6 million which covers 59.29% for eligible expenses. The School Building Committee reviewed the High School HVAC project already in design and reviewed several other HVAC projects on the Town’s long-term capital list. These proposed project includes:

- Replacing existing High School classroom unit ventilators with code compliant ceiling mounted units (Original scope of work)
- Adding a Dedicated Outdoor Air System and Air Cooled Chiller
- Replacement existing roof top cooling equipment for the Auditorium, Stage, Band Room, & Media Center (included in future years’ capital budgets, estimated at \$500,000 by our engineers)

Total project cost is now estimated to be \$11,070,000. Of this, \$447,798 was identified as ineligible costs and/or bond issuance fees

State reimbursement is expected to be \$6,297,710 (59.29%), leaving Coventry’s portion estimated at \$4,771,964.

There is \$1.4 million remaining from the energy bond which was approved by residents in 2019 for the unit ventilators. Additionally re-roofing bids came in under budget allowing the \$1.3 million balance to be re-purposed towards this HVAC project to cover increased costs.

The net local expense, after the grant, which the Town would be required to bond is \$2.1 million. The first bond payment in FY 2025.

The foregoing question will be submitted to the legal voters of the Town for a vote on Tuesday January 10, 2023 during the hours between 6 A.M. and 8 P.M. Electors will vote at the polling places established for voting districts #1 and #2. The voters who are entitled to vote by reason of Section 7-6 of the CT General Statutes, as amended, may vote at Coventry Town Hall, 1712 Main St. Coventry, CT. Absentee Ballots will be available at the Office of the Town Clerk during business hours.

The polling places are as follows:
 District 1- South Coventry Firehouse, 1755 Main Street District 2- North Coventry Firehouse, 3427 Main Street